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### **RATIONALE**

In order to create and maintain a safe learning environment, student rules are necessary. These rules should be consistent with the philosophy of Catholic education and be applied in the spirit of that philosophy.

Discipline needs to be applied fairly, consistently and appropriately in all cases throughout the Diocesan schools. School rules need to be clear and enforceable.

In the spirit of Catholic educational philosophy, principles of discipline should recognize that it is important that a child feel a part of the school through the people, curriculum, and environment.

School procedures for discipline need to reflect the aim of assisting students to develop a form of self-discipline which is based upon the love of God and love of others.

### **POLICY**

Each school shall develop and enforce procedures relating to discipline which are consistent with the philosophy and mission statement of the Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND).

### **REGULATIONS**

Each school shall develop and communicate to parents, a school code of conduct. These procedures should reflect the philosophy and mission statement of the diocese and include:

- mutual respect among students and staff,
- regard for the dignity of each person in the school,
- established standards and expectations to guide student's conduct in classrooms and other areas of the school,
- a commitment from every member of the school staff to support and to enforce discipline expectations and procedures established.

The school administrator is expected to follow the document "Procedural Fairness, Best Practice Guidelines for Independent Schools" when disciplining students.

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