



St Bernadette's Respectful Language Policy

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St Bernadette's School Respectful Language Policy has at its core the belief that each member of our school community is a unique person created in the image of God and must be valued as such.

Rationale:

St Bernadette's is a community made up of staff, students, parents and members of the parish living and sharing the Gospel message and Christian values. We aim to work in partnership with the home and school, supported by the community, to challenge and encourage each child to achieve their best and to respect the rights of others in their interactions.

Implementation:

As a staff we are aware that swearing and the use of disrespectful language is a habit, and in our role as teachers and parents, we need to support our students as they work towards breaking this disrespectful way of communicating.

If a child uses disrespectful language in the class or playground they will immediately lose their recess and lunchtime play. An incident report will be completed and parents asked to sign and return this report.

If a student were to offend on more than two occasions the class teacher and /or a member of the leadership team and the student will work together further to assist the student make better choices. As a consequence of their actions they may miss out on the opportunity to represent the school at a sporting or cultural event. (sporting gala days/choir excursions etc) Repeat offenders risk missing out on their grade excursions.

Evaluation:

The Respectful Language Policy will be reviewed annually by the leadership team and if required, altered accordingly.

Review: June 2021