



MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PROCEDURE: **Health Education**

Our school is committed to developing policies and procedures that strengthen our health and physical education programmes.

As required by legislation, our board of trustees produces a written statement (at least once every two years) about how the school will implement health education. Schools must:

- inform the school community about the content of the health education components of the curriculum
- consult with members of the school community regarding the way in which the school should implement health education
- describe, in broad terms, the health education needs of the school's students.

Note that the legislation makes provision for individual parents to request that their children be excluded from specified parts of the health programme related to sexuality education.

Consultation on the health curriculum

The board can use any method of consultation it considers appropriate. Consultation aims to:

- strengthen health and physical education programmes
- help develop related school policies
- contribute to the review and evaluation of programmes
- provide opportunities for students, teachers, parents, and caregivers to enhance students' learning.

The board may not adopt a statement on the delivery of the health curriculum until it has:

- prepared the statement in draft
- given members of the school community an adequate opportunity to comment on the draft statement
- considered any comments received.