Bullying at St Mary’s

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying can be defined as the wilful, conscious desire to hurt, threaten or frighten someone else. This can be done physically, verbally or through the use of body language, extortion or exclusion (including the internet). All bullying is aggression, although not all aggression is necessarily bullying. Any behaviour which is the illegitimate use of power in order to hurt others is bullying behaviour.

BELIEFS ABOUT BULLYING AT ST MARY’S SCHOOL

The students, staff, parents and community members recognize that bullying may occur at this school and is not condoned.

To enable bullying to be minimised and hopefully eliminated, we must all endeavour to bring bullying out into the open. It must be reported and dealt with.

The school policy on bullying must include a proactive approach. Crisis management will not lead to the minimisation or control of bullying.