**Rationale:** The purpose of this Behaviour Management Policy is to ensure all within our community are treated with dignity, respect and justice. St Mary’s School works in partnership with parents/guardians to develop the whole child. Choosing appropriate behaviour responses is seen as a crucial element in this development.

Our school policies are based on Gospel values and as such are based on the belief that failure “is not a stone around our necks to weigh us down but a stepping stone on the path to God” Mark 8:31

St Mary’s School Behaviour Management procedure is based on the fundamental beliefs of rights and responsibility.

- School personnel have the right and the responsibility to establish rules and directions that clearly define the limits of acceptable and unacceptable student behaviour
- School personnel have the right and the responsibility to teach students to consistently follow these rules and directions on a daily basis.
- School personnel have the right and responsibility to ask for assistance from parents and administrators for support in handling the behaviour of students
- Students have the right to firm and consistent limits
- Students have the right to consistent positive encouragement to motivate them to behave in an acceptable manner
- Students have the right to know what behaviours are expected of them and what consequence will follow if they choose to disregard these expectations

**Values:** This Behaviour Management Policy promotes justice, dignity, respect, truth, resilience, inclusiveness, compassion, forgiveness and love.

**Policy Statement:**
Students are helped to grow as individuals with unique capabilities. Children will be encouraged and guided to make their own responsible choices in a Christian manner.

St Mary’s School is committed to creating the best possible learning and social environment for our school community by ensuring that each individual is respected, accepted and free from fear or threat.