



NOTRE DAME COLLEGE

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO STUDENTS

Wellbeing Support Service (WSS) at Notre Dame College – Things You Should Know

The WSS provides counselling services to students as part of the College's Pastoral Care Programme. Counsellors employed by Notre Dame College provide these services.

Students are encouraged to make use of the counselling service if they need assistance. Before using the service there are a number of things that student and parents should know.

1. Records will be made of counselling sessions and because the counsellor is an employee, those records belong to the College, not the counsellor.
2. Notre Dame College is very conscious of the need for confidentiality between counsellor and student. However at times it may be necessary for College counsellors to divulge the contents of discussions or records to the Principal if the Principal or the counsellor consider it necessary for the student's welfare to discharge the College's duty of care to the student.
3. It is also possible that the Principal may need to disclose aspects of discussions with College counsellors to others in order to assist the student.
4. Where a disclosure is made, it would be limited to those who need to know, unless the student consents to some wider disclosure.

We emphasise that disclosures (if any) would be very limited. However if a student is not prepared to use the Wellbeing Support Service counselling services on the basis set out above the student will need to obtain services from outside Notre Dame College.