



COLLEGE COUNSELLOR ROLE STATEMENT

Lourdes Hill College educates young women to embrace life and a passionate love of learning in a nurturing, inclusive and innovative Catholic learning community. We equip each person to reach their potential and boldly embody Benedictine values, listening actively with the 'ear of the heart'. Our overarching vision is to be universally recognised for empowering generations of young women to be a transforming Benedictine presence in our world.

The College Counsellor:

The College Counsellor at Lourdes Hill College is responsible for supporting and enhancing the social and emotional wellbeing of students. The College Counsellor provides a comprehensive service by working in both a proactive and responsive way to address student related issues with close collaboration and teamwork within the College community.

Qualifications:

- Must have registration with AHPRA as a psychologist.
- Clinical Psychology endorsement or working towards this is preferred.
- Ideally more than 3 years' experience in a clinical or counselling role working with children, adolescents and families.
- Demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively within the school setting and with external agencies and providers including CYMHS, DoCHS and private allied health professionals.

DUTY STATEMENT

The College Counsellor works as part of the LHC Counselling team and is responsible for the following **duties**:

- Provide counselling services within the framework of the Good Samaritan Catholic tradition of the College.
- Support the Christian values of the College in interactions with students and staff.
- Provide counselling and support to individual students on a range of social and emotional issues.
- Be guided by evidenced based clinical practice.
- Act as a support and resource for parents with student related concerns.
- Work collaboratively with the Psychologist responsible for educational and psychometric testing within the Faculty of Differentiated Learning (FDL) to ensure the best learning outcomes for students with emotional/social needs.
- Liaise with outside agencies and professionals where appropriate to coordinate best practice wrap-around care.
- Work with LHC staff to appropriately support students identified social, emotional and learning needs.
- Maintain accurate and timely records and follow established record keeping processes.

- Act as a student protection contact in the College and ensure compliance with procedures related to Child Safety.
- Be available/on standby in response to social/emotional needs of students at the end of Year 12.
- Provide and support proactive and preventative initiatives including: the pastoral care wellbeing program, developing and presenting year level assembly talks, contribute to staff pd, and participate in school events as required by the wellbeing team.
- Positively contribute to the College Counselling Team.
- Develop training and resources for other pastoral care staff to meet identified student wellbeing needs.
- Participate as requested in the College at risk meeting process, house pastoral leader meetings, NCCD and AARA meetings.
- Liaise with Dean of Students and Assistant Principal- Learning and Teaching to promote the welfare of students.
- Develop networks with other professional groups and services relevant to the role and facilitate referrals appropriately to these outside agencies.
- Network regularly with the Counsellors at other Catholic Colleges.
- Actively participate in ongoing supervision and CPD as required by AHPRA.
- Understand and apply relevant policies in relation to privacy, child safety and discrimination in the school setting.
- The College Counsellor will undertake any other duties that emerge/are directed by the Principal that pertain to the role.

Reporting Relationship

The College Counsellor is responsible to the Senior College Counsellor

