

# Wellbeing for learning and life

of State Schools

## Granite Belt Community of State Schools commitment to learning and wellbeing

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#### LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

A positive school ethos and rich learning environment that is open, respectful, caring and safe optimises learning through a commitment to wellbeing.

### GB CoSS does this by:

- promoting a positive school ethos in newsletters, school publications, meetings with parents, P&C Meetings, school assemblies
- providing a whole school curriculum framework that embeds the teaching and learning of resilience skills (applies to all classes – this is not required when 'whole school curriculum' is stated)
- implementing a pastoral care approach to students. This is explicitly stated in staff induction and forms a core part of the chaplaincy program
- tracking individual student data to be inclusive of student needs
- utilises local support personnel and networks e.g. guidance officer to help with student learning needs identification
- utilising approaches to positive behaviour including a responsible behaviour plan, students awards and rewards
- having a commitment to professional development through staff development plans and a school Professional Learning Plan aligned to staff and student needs
- provides the opportunity for students to be involved in the student committee and associated activities

### **CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY**

Curriculum that enhances wellbeing equips students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and strategies to understand and manage themselves and their relationships.

Pedagogy that enhances wellbeing builds positive relationships.

### GB CoSS does this by:

- providing whole school curriculum programs across all key learning areas. The implementation of these programs is tracked in a central location [G drive] to allow teachers to share planning.
- ensuring strategies are in place to allow for differentiation in teaching and learning. These strategies form an important part of teachers' planning and are collated in a central location [G drive]
- allowing students to have regular access to their progress data [via data profiles]. This allows them to set personal goals, reflect on social and emotional learnings regularly.
- Provides aids to student time management skills.
  These aids may include homework plans, assessment planners, task sheets etc.
- providing a range of extracurricular activities for students. These activities may be combined with other schools in GB coSS and include; camps, Extended Learning Programs, interschool sports, multimedia competition, lecturette competitions, Maths Challenge, Crisps Art Show etc
- providing a balanced range of professional development opportunities within the district, region and GB CoSS network.





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## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Policy intentions are transformed into action by school staff, students and the wider community.

## GB CoSS does this by:

- clearly stating the school's approaches to learning and wellbeing in enrolment interviews
- publishing the school policies and procedures relevant to student wellbeing and learning on the school website, in enrolment packs and regular updates in the newsletters
- provides opportunity for school community involvement in school operations relevant to student wellbeing in P&C meetings, regular communications (emails & letters)
- providing information to parents and students about the school's Responsible Behaviour
- using staff meetings to review and evaluate school operational matters relevant to student
- ensuring budget support for professional development programs (aligned to the school's Professional learning Plan) to support policies being enacted by the school.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Productive partnerships expand the knowledge, skills and resources available in the school

### GB CoSS does this by:

- supporting positive relationships between students and all staff. We do this by using teaching teams to connect with classroom learning.
- Providing ample opportunity for parents to discuss student progress and frequent intervals during the year (not just set meeting times)
- Being highly involved in the programs, PD and networks organised by GB CoSS (Administrators' Meetings, Administrative Assistant network, P-3 teachers meetings, Teacher Aide meetings)
- Providing information through newsletters or communications to homes about relevant services available within the school and community that support wellbeing (e.g. CDS Services)
- Supporting partnerships with all schools in our Gb district to share and utilise staffing and resources (e.g. RREAP)
- Attending interagency meetings that focus on supporting wider community needs.
- Link families with other agencies such as CDS, Red Cross, Dept of Communities.

