

# Trinity Grammar School

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## POLICY ON SOCIAL AND SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

The School Council's Statement of Educational Principles includes the statement that *"Boys are encouraged to develop personal relationships on the basis of trust and mutual respect for others ... They are prepared for family life and the development of a mature understanding and respect for women, their elders, their peers and those younger than they. They should know that they are neither superior nor inferior to others, but are equally the concern and care of Christ, who died for all without distinction"*.

Our understanding of Biblical teaching and the policy of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney is that sexual relationships are a gift from God, reserved for a man and a woman within a lifelong marriage relationship. The unmarried are called to celibacy which is valued equally to marriage in the Bible. We are committed to preparing boys to be faithful, caring and loving husbands and fathers if called to be married and to have chaste, enriching relationships outside of marriage.

Teaching staff are called to provide rôle models for their students and to ensure that their relationships with them are consistent with their high calling and completely without any hint of impropriety. Any intimate physical contact between staff and students whether welcome or unwelcome is not only unprofessional but totally unacceptable.

In accordance with these principles, and as a consequence of recent legislation, the School Council has endorsed Policy Statements on Child Protection, Sexual Harassment and Discipline. These may be obtained from the School Office on request.

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