Rationale

Education is a vital key to future success. Pregnant students are actively encouraged to continue their education at our school, and in doing so, will maximise the opportunities for themselves and their child.

Aims

- To provide a caring, supportive and accommodating learning environment for all students – including expectant mothers.
- To give all students the opportunity to complete their secondary education in flexible ways that accommodate their circumstances.

Implementation

- All students, including young and expectant mothers, have the right to continue their schooling, and are welcome in our school.
- Attendance at school for pregnant students is allowed up until delivery. However, after the thirty-fourth week a medical certificate is required stating fitness to attend school.
- Our school has the ability to modify our curriculum program as needed and will respond to the student’s capacity to maintain her workload and out of class commitments.
- Ongoing support for the student from the Student Welfare system within the school as a whole, and/or the Distance Education mode will be available where schooling is interrupted due to pregnancy.
- Post-compulsory education provides a range of options and the flexibility to combine pregnancy and parenting and continuing education through pathways. Students will be offered this alternative as a way of meeting the family demands and the demands of study.
- The school will exercise its capacity to respond to the needs of pregnant students by use of targeted funds to assist every student to successfully negotiate a worthwhile career or educational pathway.
- The school, through the Student Welfare system, will develop partnerships with a range of local community agencies and organisations to support young and expectant mothers, so as to maintain their connection to school and education.