POLICY: THE FENCE

1. Rationale

A fence around the perimeter of St Michael’s school has been provided by Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese to ensure that all students and staff are provided with an environment that is safe. The fence acts as a deterrent to those people who view the site as a place to conduct activities not appropriate for a school site.

2. Aims

2.1 For all who enter the site to be aware that it is protected area, not a public thoroughfare and only those with valid business with school personnel have permission to be on the site.
2.2 For all who enter the site to be aware that they need to follow instructions regarding reporting to the school office.

3. Implementation

3.1 St Michael’s school site is deemed an Inclosed area and those entering it need to be aware of the Inclosed Lands Act (1901) and its recent amendments.
3.2 A fence incloses the school site.
3.3 The fence has five openings known as gates.
3.4 The front gate at the top of the driveway facing the front office and opening onto Chapel Lane at the Zebra Crossing will be open during the day and will be closed at 6.30pm.
3.5 The small gate leading to the car park will be opened at 8.00am and at 3.00pm.
3.6 The gate leading to end of the ‘back path’ will be opened at 8.00am and locked at 9.00am, reopened at 3.20pm by the back path teacher and closed at 3.25pm.
3.7 Supervision of children commences at 8.20am. However, children will be permitted to come into the grounds at 8.00am on the understanding that the parent/guardian has signed a letter stating that the child will remain seated until duty commences.
3.8 A gate key is issued to all staff members, to the Parish Priest, to the OOSH Supervisor, and to the garbage contractor.
3.9 All other gates apart from the main gate on Chapel Lane will be closed by 4.00pm.

4. Evaluation

The policy will be evaluated annually.