

# DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO STUDENTS - COUNSELLING

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## Student counselling provided by Victory Lutheran College

Victory Lutheran College provides counselling services for its students as part of its pastoral care program. These are provided through counsellors employed by the College.

Students are encouraged to make use of these services if they need assistance. However, there are a number of things that students and their parents/guardians should know before using the counselling service.

1. Records will be made of counselling sessions and because the Counsellor is an employee, those records belong to the College, not the Counsellor.
2. The College is conscious of the need for confidentiality between Counsellor and student. However, at times it may be necessary for the Counsellor to divulge the contents of discussions or records to the Principal (or delegate) if the Counsellor considers it necessary for the student's welfare to discharge the College's duty of care to the student.
3. The Principal (or delegate) may find it necessary to disclose aspects of discussions with Counsellor(s) to others in order to assist the student.
4. Where a disclosure is made it would be limited to those who need to know, unless the students consents to some wider disclosure.
5. Whilst we are happy to provide counselling services to students, if a student (or parent) is not happy with the above it is suggested counselling is sought outside the College.