**SCHOOL RULES: matrix**

**RESPECT** - always respect other people and their property.

**SAFETY** - always keep yourself and others safe.

**COOPERATION** - always co-operate with others in our community.

BEHAVIOUR CONSEQUENCES:

At St Patrick’s:

* behavioural consequences are applied in order to enable students to take responsibility for their actions.
* consequences put in place are about the behaviour not the student.
* Restorative practices are put in place so students are accountable for their choices and those affected by their choices.
* each incident is looked at and dealt with individually.
* communication will be made with parents when issues arise so they too are involved in the restorative process.

**EXAMPLES OF BREAKING OF SCHOOL RULES:**

Behaviours that do not comply with our three school rules have immediate consequences.

**DISRESPECT:**

swearing at a student or teacher

back –chat

verbal put-downs

**UNSAFE PLAY:**

fighting - hitting – kicking –punching

playing in out of bounds areas

**UNCOOPERATIVE:**

Refusing to follow instructions given by staff

Walking away from a teacher when being spoken to.

**Bullying**:

Bullying is an area of child relationships which all schools need to address. Clearly, it is an unacceptable issue in the context of our Mission Statement. Buddies, Student Representative Council, Peer Mediation, Bully Busters and the Bounce Back programme are tools which we should use in creating harmonious relationships. Refer to the school bullying policy for further information.

One must note that NOT all behaviour constitutes BULLYING. **Bullying is targeted repeated behaviour either in person or using technology, which aims at intimidating a targeted individual.**