Counselling Service

James Sheahan Catholic High School has a Counselling Service for the benefit of our student body. The safety, welfare and well-being of our students are of paramount importance.

In times of need students may utilise the Counselling Service.

Referral of your daughter/son to this service can occur in several ways:

- Self-referral
- Referral by Year Coordinators/or teaching staff
- Parental referrals

In some cases there is a need to urgently attend to a student in order to ascertain their safety. Parents will be notified as soon as possible as to the outcome of this intervention.

Protection of Confidentiality and Privacy

Discussion between students and the School Counsellor will remain confidential except if the following situations occur:

- A threat to harm another person
- Harm to self or threat to harm self
- Harm or threat to harm by another party

Collection, exchange and disclosure of information

There may be times when the School Counsellor may need to confer with or refer to another organisation regarding the well-being of a student. In such cases, consent from the student and parent to obtain and/or release relevant information will be sought.

In the case of Child Protection and subsequent mandatory disclosure of information relating the safety of a student, the school will not be involved in parental contact.

Family and Community Services (FACs) will be responsible for parental contact if a student is considered at risk of significant harm.

Information Management

There is a requirement for information about the student to be collected, filed and stored confidentially by the School Counsellor.

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I have read the above information and understand this Counselling Service is available to the students of James Sheahan Catholic High School.

Student Name: ___________________ Signature: ___________________ Date: ____________

Parent Name: ___________________ Signature: ___________________ Date: ____________