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## 2.11 GENDER EQUITY

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### **Rationale**

At St Mary's we are responsible for ensuring students are free from gender discrimination in their learning environment. Students have the right to be treated as an individual, to be provided with equal opportunities for successful learning.

### **Aims**

- To provide students with equal opportunities, irrespective of gender or stereo typical expectations

### **Implementation**

- Our school values diversity and provides opportunities to achieve and receive equal status
- Curriculum programs provide opportunities from the earliest years of schooling to challenge stereotypical gender views
- The changing roles of men and women in society will be examined
- All parents both male and female will be encouraged to participate in all schooling events
- Year levels will be gender balanced to provide equal opportunity for all
- Teachers will recognize existing practices through constant monitoring. We will ensure that both gender experiences and outcomes of schooling are positive and relevant to their aspirations
- The dress code policy ensures that all students are provided with a safe and comfortable uniform
- All students are provided with supervised and safe areas during recess and lunch breaks
- Student's achievements are all equally acknowledged and are given opportunity for public recognition

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