Subject: Year 9 Pastoral Care

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Course Content

In Pastoral Care the Year 9 students are participating in ‘The Rite Journey’.

The Rite Journey is a unique educational programme designed to support the development of self-aware, vital, responsible and resilient adults. The programme is facilitated in same sex groups through in class discussions, tasks, mentoring, challenges and many other forms.

The Rite Journey programme goes for an entire year, which encourages ongoing development of self-awareness and builds strong, honest and respectful relationships with peers, parents and teachers.

Assessment

The Rite Journey is a non-assessable programme, created to guide students in an inclusive and safe environment. Students participate in a range of informative and reflective tasks, relevant discussions, challenges and activities based on topics raised within the group.

The 7 steps of The Rite Journey

1. **The Calling** – The Calling is a ceremony in which students are ‘called’ by their teachers on their journey.
2. **The Departure** – The essence of this ceremony is to receive the parent/s/care-giver’s approval and support to work with their child during The Rite Journey throughout they year.
3. **The Following** – Students are guided by their teachers throughout the year through discussion related to being a respectful and responsible adults. There is also a mentoring program where student and their families choose a same sex adult mentor.
4. **The Challenge** – Challenges will be presented to the students encompassing physical, social, emotional and spiritual realms.
5. **The Abyss** – A camp designed to provide significant challenge in which students are required to rely on themselves.
7. **The Home Coming** – Students communicated their gratitude to the people that have assisted them on their journey and reflect on the experience.