



DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO STUDENTS

Counselling at Avila College – Things You Should Know

Students are encouraged to make use of these services if they need assistance. There are however a number of things that students should know about 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. Avila College is very conscious of the need for confidentiality between counsellor and student. However, at times, it may be necessary for the Counsellor to pass on the contents of discussions or records, to the Principal or their agent. This will **ONLY** happen if the Counsellor considers it necessary for the student's wellbeing to discharge the college's duty of care to the student.

Examples might be:

- If there is danger of serious harm to you
- If there is danger of serious harm to someone else

This is not an exhaustive list.

3. It is also possible that the Principal (or agent) may need to disclose aspects of discussions with counsellors 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 student consents to some wider disclosure.
5. Your Year Level Co-ordinator and Deputy Principal can check if you are having counselling but, unless you give permission or are at risk of serious harm as stated in point 2, they **will not** know what is discussed with your counsellor.
6. I do/do not consent to my parent(s)/guardian(s) being aware that I attend counselling, unless I am at risk of serious harm as stated in point 2.

We emphasise that disclosures (if any) would be very limited.

I, _____, have read and understand the above
term of receiving counselling at Avila College

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Counsellor: _____