



## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

The Joseph Varga School does not permit or condone the use of **corporal punishment** of students attending the school, and the school abides by the *Education Reform Amendment (Corporal Punishment) Act 1995*.

### **2. POLICY:**

The Joseph Varga School prohibits '*Corporal Punishment*' of a student.

'Corporal Punishment' is defined as "the application of physical force in order to punish or correct the student".

It is important to point out that this definition does not include 'the application of force only to prevent personal injury to, or damage to, or the destruction of property of, any person (including the student)' {Schedule 1 Amendments, Section 3(1), ERA(CP) Act,1995}.

By not explicitly or implicitly sanctioning the administration of corporal punishment, in any form, The Joseph Varga School also does not condone the application of corporal punishment, force or any form of physical, emotional, sexual, economic or material abuse by any non-school person, including parents, for a disciplinary, or any other reason.

The Joseph Varga School has in place, and implements, policies and procedures related to the Discipline of students that:

- 'expressly prohibit corporal punishment and clearly and exhaustively list the school's discipline methods so to plainly exclude corporal punishment';
- 'do not explicitly or implicitly sanction the administering of corporal punishment by non-school persons, including parents, to enforce discipline at the school, or in the home.'

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