



## Pol-015 Anti-Discrimination and Sexual harassment Policy and Procedure

### Purpose of Policy

Mid City College to ensure that the Anti-Discrimination Acts of the State Government and Discrimination Acts of the Federal Government are adhered to. These acts include but are not limited to:

- the Federal Government Racial Discrimination,
- Human Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)
- and Sex Discrimination Acts.

### Scope

This policy applies to:

- Mid City Campuses
- Students
- Management Team-members

### Responsibilities

- CEO

### Policy Statement:

Mid City College is an equal opportunity employer. All appointments are made on their merits, without regard to race, age, sex, marital status, or any other factor not applicable to the position. Employees are valued according to how well they perform their duties, their ability, and their enthusiasm to maintain organizational standards or service.

The organization does not tolerate any form of discrimination or violation. All people on site (including visitors) have the right to an environment free of discrimination, vilification, and harassment.

### Sexual Harassment

The policy of Mid City College is that sexual harassment is an unacceptable form of behavior, which will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We believe that all persons on site (including visitors) have the right to an environment free of intimidation and sexual harassment. Sexual harassment may cause the loss of trained and talented employees and damage staff morale and productivity.

### Vilification

Vilification based on race or religion is simply a public act of hatred – and it's against the law. It can

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include things such as graffiti in churches or other public places, speeches, abuse, remarks in the media or on internet sites, gestures, posters, or stickers. For these sorts of things to be considered vilification, they need to be public and invite people to hate others because of their race or religion.

All Mid City College employees must ensure that all people on site (including visitors) are treated equitably and are not subject to violation or harassment. They must also ensure that people who make complaints or act as witnesses are not victimized in any way.

### **What to do if you are discriminated against or Sexually Harassed?**

You have the right to feel safe and to have the full opportunity to achieve your potential in your study. Don't let harassment interfere with your life. If you are being harassed, seek help immediately.

There are several options. Choose the course of action you feel most comfortable with. Do not ignore discrimination or sexual harassment, thinking it will go away – often discrimination just gets worse, and silence may give the impression that discrimination or sexual harassment is

#### **You may:**

- Tell the person they are making you uncomfortable and ask them to stop.
  - Make a complaint to one of the staff from Mid City College Or
  - Make a complaint under Anti-Discrimination Legislation to Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/complaints/make-complaint>
- If you have any questions about this or need help completing this form, please contact our National Information Service on 1300 656 419 or 02 9284 9600

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