

Student Code of Conduct

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1. Context & Purpose

The College is seeking to provide and maintain a safe, supportive and inclusive environment consistent with our values, which is an important part in keeping students engaged and motivated with their learning and development.

This can be negatively impacted if a student engages in unacceptable behaviour which has an impact on themselves, other students, staff, the College or the wider College community.

The purpose of this policy is to explain the College's expectations with respect to student behaviour and provide a range of examples so that students and parents/carers are well informed.

2. Application

This policy applies to all College students, where a student can reasonably be considered to be at the College (including breaks), involved in College activities, or representing or acting at the direction of the College, regardless of location or whether it's a physical or online environment.

3. Statement of Policy

The College encourages high standards of behavior from all our students, consistent with our values:

Connection	We show genuine interest in others and share experiences
Humility	We appreciate and use our strengths to lift up others
Care	We look out for each other
Determination	We work hard and consistently give our best effort

Our approach is to create a culture that promotes good behavior, but also explain the expected behaviour so that students and parents/carers are aware of our expectations – set out below. Much of this is common sense and what one would all expect of a person acting in a fair, responsible, and respectful manner.

The possible consequences for engaging in poor behaviour are outlined in the College's Behaviour Management Policy.

4. General Expectations

Each College student is expected to:

- Comply with relevant College policies
- Attend class regularly, arrive in a punctual manner and always contact their teacher prior to start time if late or absent
- Participate fully in the College's programs and activities, work hard and consistently give their best effort
- Take pride in their work and unless collaboration is part of the curriculum or activity, produce independent work without plagiarism, collusion, or cheating
- Express ideas and feelings using appropriate language and listen to others when they are speaking
- Support other students and respect their right to learn, without disruption and at their own pace
- Represent the College and any sporting or community partners in a positive and professional manner
- Ensure their appearance is professional and tidy, including wearing the College uniform correctly and in a clean and presentable manner
- Not engage in conduct that is discriminatory, harassing or bullying
- Not engage in violent or threatening behaviour or use unacceptable language.
- Respect the property of the College and the property of others.
- Arrive to class and College events sober and unaffected by any form of illicit drug or alcohol, and not consume or possess any alcohol or illicit drugs while at the College or undertaking College activities

5. More Specific Behaviour Expectations

Structured Work Placements

When representing the College on at a Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) opportunity, students are expected to:

- Attend at work as required, be on time and behave in a manner that reflects positively on themselves and the College
- Recognise they will be in a work environment and act in a manner reflective of that environment
- Adhere to all SWL requirements and regulations
- Communicate any absence from SWL with their teacher as soon as possible and raise any issues or concern with their SWL with their teacher as soon as they arise.

Clinics & Activities

The education at the College may provide opportunities for students to undertake a range of activities in the community, including organising and conducting sports clinics for other students in a variety of settings.

For such events or activities, students are expected to:

- Engage with members of the community in a courteous, positive and respectful manner
- Maintain a current Working with Children clearance and advise the College if clearance is not granted, suspended, revoked, surrendered, or expired
- If the activity involves children or young people, ensure their safety and well-being by following the College's Child Safety and Wellbeing policies. This includes ensuring:
 - that the safety and welfare of children and young people is paramount at all times
 - that children and young people are treated with dignity, equality, and respect
 - their views and concerns are listened and responded to appropriately
 - they understand their rights and have these explained to them in age-appropriate language as to what they can expect when participating in the activities
- Ensure mobile phones are not used during such activities unless there is an emergency or prior approval is granted by the teacher. This includes not taking any photographs during activity or event unless prior approval is granted.

Mobile Phone and Social Media

Students are expected to:

- Respect the times when mobile phones may and may not be used during class, noting that this will be decided by each classroom teacher depending upon the nature of the learning activities
- Use social media in a positive manner and refrain from sending/posting messages that are harassing, discriminatory, defamatory, threatening, abusive or obscene

Volunteering and Industry Experiences

The education at the College may provide opportunities for students to engage with a number of industry experiences, or to volunteer at events or activities conducted by the College's industry partners. At such experiences, events or activities each student is expected to:

- Fulfil commitments - attend as required, be on time and behave in a manner that reflects positively on themselves and the College
- Demonstrate initiative and represent the College and industry partners to the best of their ability
- Provide at least 24 hours' notice to their teacher if they are unable to attend a volunteering events or activity due to illness

6. Policy History

Version	Policy Owner	Approval Date	Summary of Changes
1	Principal	20/6/23	First Adopted