



## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

**Rationale:** The student code of conduct is a school's public statement on the management of student behaviour. This has been developed with input from teachers, parents and students and was written in line with the guidelines outlined in 'Safe Schools are Effective schools' and DEECD publication 'Guidelines for Developing the Student Code of Conduct'.

It is not only concerned with student discipline, but with the general enhancement of positive student behaviour. It aims to encourage educational achievement and excellence; the maintenance of dress standards; regular school attendance; the prevention of bullying, including cyber-bullying and violence; the elimination of discrimination based on difference of culture, race and gender and the acceptance of difference as a consequence of disability or impairment. This code of conduct gives priority to enhancing self-discipline and respect for the rights of others.

It seeks to promote an environment which maximises opportunities for all students to strive for excellence.

### **Aims:**

- The school is a positive environment in which all teachers assume responsibility for student conduct, endeavouring to provide successful experiences for all children, where children feel safe and secure in a supportive environment where a sense of belonging and wellbeing are strengthened.
- Children develop positive social behaviours and problem solving skills.
- Staff are confident, skilled and proactive in the management of student conduct.
- Communication processes and principles are clear and well known to ensure the effectiveness of student welfare support.

### **Implementation:**

- All individuals are to be valued and treated with respect.
- Students have a right to work in a secure environment where, without intimidation, bullying or harassment in order to fully develop their talents, interests and ambitions.
- Students will adhere to uniform, hair and dress policies.
- Students will attend school and will remain within the school grounds, during school hours, unless otherwise authorised.
- Teachers have a right to expect that they will be able to teach in an orderly and co-operative environment.
- Everyone has the right to work without interference.
- Parents have an obligation to support the school in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment.
- Principals and staff have an obligation to reasonably and consistently implement the student code of conduct.

**Evaluation:**

- When a student violates rules under the school's code of conduct, teachers will invoke consequences that are consistent with the rules as outlined in our 'Values' policy. Rules are clearly explained so that students understand why they are experiencing the consequences of their actions. Students will recognise the connection between the behaviour and the consequence, as outlined in our 'Values' policy.
- This code of conduct will be reviewed as part of the school's four year cycle.