

In this code the term parents also applies to legal guardians and grandparents. Parents are responsible for their guests.

The College aims to foster a unified community that encourages and exhibits behaviours and attitudes based on Christian values. The Lord would have us be “completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” and also “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:2-3). Parents have certain rights afforded to them as members of the College community. Similarly, parents must also accept the responsibilities that are part of belonging to our community. Some of these responsibilities are outlined below.

1 GENERAL CONDUCT

Parents are expected to partner with the College to enhance their child’s academic achievement, well-being & conduct by:

- 1.1 showing an interest in their child’s schoolwork and progress;
- 1.2 supporting and prioritising their child’s learning, including maintaining appropriate time and space for the completion of homework and assignments, and preparation for in-class assessment tasks;
- 1.3 valuing the professional judgment of College staff;
- 1.4 supporting all publically available policies and procedures;
- 1.5 supporting the College, its staff and their decisions;
- 1.6 supporting the College in its management of their child’s behaviour and in its application of consequences;
- 1.7 seeking appropriate professional advice, diagnoses and support as required;
- 1.8 demonstrating a considerate, respectful and polite manner towards members of the College community and the wider community;
- 1.9 providing all necessary items of equipment and uniform, ensuring they are labelled and in good condition;

Parents are also expected to:

- 1.10 conduct themselves in a lawful and ethical manner in all interactions with members of the College community;
- 1.11 respect and value the difference between people, their beliefs, ideas and opinions;
- 1.12 demonstrate respect for College property and the property of others;
- 1.13 wear clothing with reasonable standards of modesty.

2 COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Parents are expected to read thoroughly all communications from the College in order to ensure that they understand both general and specific matters relating to their child and how general events might affect their family. Parents are expected to communicate appropriately and respectfully at all times, with each other, College staff, students, and the general public, and are encouraged to engage in regular and meaningful communication with staff. The College welcomes parent feedback, including the expression of concerns, however such communications should not take place in public, whether in person or via daily communication systems, or online forums including Facebook and Twitter, any media outlet, and any other forms of public communication. Whilst parents are always welcome to approach any member of College staff informally they are encouraged to make formal appointments to discuss matters of concern or any matter at length. Such approaches should be made via their College email address (general staff and teachers) or through the appropriate administrator (College leadership team). Parents are expected to refrain from contacting staff in person outside of College hours about professional matters, whether at their private address, or by their personal email or telephone.

3 SECURITY AND SAFETY

Parents must behave in a manner that keeps themselves and others safe. The College requires parents to observe its security and safety procedures for the protection of all students. This includes:

- 3.1 reporting issues of safety, risk of harm or inappropriate behaviour to the College;
- 3.2 complying with the instructions of College staff at all times;
- 3.3 wearing footwear at all times on campus (applies to children also);
- 3.4 take care when driving on campus and park rear to curb;
- 3.5 signing in and wearing visitor identification whenever on campus during the school day;
- 3.6 not approaching College students with the intent of disciplining or chastising them;

- 3.7 not approaching other families with the intent of managing matters than arise at school;
- 3.8 only making contact with their child through the College office and requiring their child to only make contact with them with the permission of a member of College staff.

The following items are prohibited on campus and at College events for safety and legal reasons (unless specifically authorised by the Principal):

- 3.9 items considered weapons, including knives, boxcutters, firearms and their imitations;
- 3.10 any graffiti implement including aerosol cans and permanent markers;
- 3.11 propellants in any form;
- 3.12 pornography and restricted adult content or other sexual, violent or inappropriate material that is inconsistent with College values, including hardcopy and electronic versions;
- 3.13 alcohol, cigarettes or prohibited drugs;
- 3.14 prescription medications (unless secured to the person at all times);
- 3.15 animals (including pets), except at the prior approval of a Head of Years with the completion of a management plan (exceptions are made for specially trained mobility/companion animals).

Parents must not enter the College campus or any College event whilst affected by alcohol, prescribed or prohibited drugs. Smoking is prohibited on the premises (buildings, grounds and vehicles) and at the events of all NSW schools. Parents must not supply alcohol, cigarettes or prohibited drugs to, or support the acquisition or use of any of these substances by any College student.

4 SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITMENT

Parents are expected to support their child's extracurricular endeavours by providing the necessary equipment and accompanying or facilitating their child's attendance at scheduled events, training sessions and rehearsals.

When at a College endorsed sporting events parent and other spectators are expected to:

- 4.1 participate positively and demonstrate an attitude of encouragement towards officials, staff, other parents, their own child, other students and competitors, valuing effort and enjoyment above victory;
- 4.2 support all decisions made (parents are not entitled to criticise or seek clarification on the rulings of officials).

5 GUESTS

Parents are responsible to ensure that any guests they invite to a College event or onto the College campus also comply with this Code of Conduct.