

Code of Social Conduct

St. George College is united in its conviction that parental supervision and support is essential as adolescents seek greater freedom and independence in their social pursuits. This is particularly recommended when there seems to be a growing trend for partying to become a feature of the social life of secondary students.

We strongly urge parents to maintain close contact with their children and to establish and maintain clear guidelines of behaviour and expectations regarding frequency and nature of social activities, use of motor vehicles, consumption of alcohol, spending money and other matters.

Parents are asked to pay particular heed to the following:

- Courteous behaviour by adolescents should be promoted at all times, particularly on public transport, the street and other public places and at sports and social functions.
- Cooperation with school is urged in the observance of the use of cars.
- Provision of alcohol at parties should be strongly discouraged, as should the consumption of any alcohol, which may be brought by guests.

Guidelines for Social Gatherings

- Many problems can be prevented by open communication between parents, should be kept simple and should finish at a reasonable hour.
- Elaborate functions tend to produce a spirit of competition and often cause embarrassment to girls and boys whose parents are not in a position to reciprocate on the same scale.
- At social gatherings in homes, parents and other adult support should be present and actively supervising.
- For each individual student social functions should be few up to and including Year 10 and infrequent during term time thereafter.
- Parents are advised to consult with one another when invitations are received by their children. Telephone conversations can clarify the nature of the invitation.
- Guests should be encouraged, as a matter of courtesy, to arrive and depart punctually.
- Mid week activities should be school oriented as young people have considerable homework commitments.
- Parents and students are reminded that the purchase or consumption of alcohol in public places is illegal for those under 18.
- The consumption of alcohol at parties, even by senior students, is discouraged. The letters "BYO" or similar, should not appear on invitation cards. Guests should not take alcohol to parties. Parents should check at the main entrance to ensure that alcohol is not brought into the premises.
- Smoking of tobacco should be discouraged strongly and other drugs should not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Guests should not be permitted to leave the party and return later.
- Students should never under any circumstances leave a drink unattended.

Parents should be aware of the legal ramifications of the purchase and consumption of alcohol, cigarettes and other drugs at functions.