

Student Code of Conduct Policy

"A community is united not by rights, but by duty - a sense of duty to one another"

Anthony Blair 1997.

When students enrol at St George College and for the duration of their studies at the College, they and their parents agree and are expected to comply fully with the 'Code of Conduct' that has been developed by the College and is congruent with its vision and mission statements, its values and beliefs as well as the stated aspirations of its students.

Consequently it is an expectation that students, parents and teachers will conduct themselves in ways that are congruent with the following ***rights and responsibilities***:

- ***Students have the right*** to learn in a safe, caring and supportive environment where, without intimidation, they are able to develop fully their talents, interests and aspirations.
- ***Parents have the right*** to expect that their children will be educated in a secure environment in which care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others are encouraged.
- ***Teachers have the right*** to teach in an orderly, cooperative and safe environment.
- ***Everyone has the right*** to teach and learn in an environment free from all forms of discrimination and harassment.

Therefore:

- ***Students are responsible*** to behave in a manner that supports their learning; enhances their own as well as the safety and well being of others; and is congruent with the Orthodox ethos and culture of the College.
- ***Parents and teachers are responsible*** to act as positive role models and demonstrate standards of behaviour that support the College in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment.

Conduct at the College

- Students at the senior campus enter and exit the main building through the "Students Entrance" door.
- Students are to enter and move around and between buildings in a quiet and orderly manner.
- Students are to arrive for school and for the commencement of lessons punctually and well organised.
- Students are to be courteous in their dealings with others; they are to respectfully greet their teachers and other members of the College community.
- Students are required to stand when an adult greets them and when an adult enters the room.

- Students are required to greet the Reverend Fathers in a respectful, and appropriate manner.
- Students are to respect the property of others and that of the College and it is a requirement that great care is taken of all College buildings, furniture and equipment.
- Students are to obey promptly the directions of all teachers and staff as well as student leaders who assist in maintaining proper standards of behaviour and discipline.
- Students are not to run in corridors or on stairs.
- Students are not to eat in corridors or on stairs.
- Students are expected to stand aside politely and allow adults to enter first when entering any room.
- Ball games are not to be played near windows.
- Chewing gum is not permitted to be brought to or used at the College.
- Smoking, consumption of alcohol and possession of illegal substances are not permitted when in College uniform or during any College activity.
- Use or possession of illegal substances and material are a matter for the police and will be referred to by the College if found on any of our students who are in uniform or are present in any College activity.
- Students' language, both verbal and non-verbal, must be beyond reproach at all times.
- Mobile phones and other electronic instruments such as CD players or portable computers if brought to school are to be given to front office staff at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day. Any of the above will be confiscated from students if found on them during the school day.

Conduct away from the College:

- On public transport students are to keep their voices down. Students are to remain seated in one place, but are to offer their seats to adults. Jostling and leaning out of windows or doors is unacceptable behaviour and an illegal act.
- On leaving the College, students are to go straight home unless accompanied by parents. Loitering, especially at bus stops, railway stations or the City is not permitted.
- Written permission from parents is needed to visit the city after school. The note from the parents stating the reason for the visit is to be signed by the class or home group teacher; the signed note is to be shown to staff on demand.
- Notes from parents and endorsed by class or home group teachers are required before students leave the College grounds during the school day, except when standing arrangements have been approved by the Principal.
- Students whilst on camps and excursions are to fully comply with teachers' instructions and adhere to rules and guidelines for camps as explained by teachers prior to excursions and camps.
- Smoking, alcohol consumption and possession of illegal substances and materials are not permitted when in College uniform or whenever representing the College.

Appearance and Grooming:

- Pride in personal appearance and regard for the good name of the College should lead to care by parents and students that the uniform is clean, pressed and tidy. The full and proper uniform is to be worn at all times, including:
 - When students are travelling to and from the College
 - At all College functions except when otherwise stated
- Blazers are to be worn to and from school in Terms 2 and 3 and at all formal occasions of the College.
- Shirts and ties are expected to be worn in an appropriate manner that includes top button done up and shirts fully tucked in.
- In Terms 1 and 4 College hats are to be worn outdoors including playtimes and to and from school.
 - *The correct College Sports Uniform* is to be worn at all sports training sessions, competitive events and games.
 - *The correct College Sports Uniform* can be worn to and from school by students from Reception to year 5 **only** on the designated day of the week on which students have their Physical Education lessons **and** on the days on which they are involved in after hours training sessions with the College.
 - Students will not wear sports uniform to town, unless on the way home from a sports function.
- The only badges to be worn are approved College badges.
- *Hairstyles* are to be kept neat and well groomed according to College standards.
 - Long hair, spiked hair or shaved hairstyles for boys are not acceptable while bleached hair is not acceptable for both boys and girls
 - Girls' hair, if longer than shoulder length, must be tied back away from their faces with a ribbon, which is plain white, red or regulation blue matching the uniform, or of uniform fabric.
- The only acceptable *adornments for boys* are a watch and a gold cross, which must be worn inside the shirt.
- The only acceptable *adornments for girls* are a watch, a gold cross that is worn inside the shirt or dress and simple or sleeper earrings, one in each ear.

Punctuality

Punctuality is an important part of the learning and the required code of behaviour. The College must be contacted if students are going to arrive late. It is of the utmost importance that all students arrive at school before 8.45am. Parents are asked to support teachers in instilling appropriate behaviours in children in this regard.

For students who arrive late they must report to the front office before going to class.

If your child is going to be absent, the College must be notified by **no later than 8.45am on 81598100.**

