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Purpose

All students who are admitted to enrolment are expected to abide by the School Code of Conduct. Parents or carers are required to sign an undertaking to this effect in the enrolment contract at the time of enrolment. This is outlined on the Enrolment Form. The Code of Conduct is reflective of the School's philosophy and values and forms the basis for the School's behaviour management approach.

Expectations

Whitsunday Anglican School encourages students to become responsible for their own personal growth and self-discipline, and to take responsibility for their own behaviour. Proper conduct demonstrates respect – for oneself, physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually: for others and their possessions, for the environment in which one lives and works, and for the materials one works with, and for, the School.

It is expected that each student will cooperate to the fullest in taking responsibility for his/her own progress, by being punctual and through diligent and careful preparations for, and participation in all the classes of which he/she is a member. It is particularly important that no student, either through neglect or lack of concern, interferes with the rights of others to pursue their courses. Therefore, there is no place in the School for irresponsible behaviour including the defiance of a teacher's authority.

It is essential for each student to develop self respect, as a person and as a member of the School community. Conduct must at all times be in a manner which will not detract from the reputation of any individual student or of other members of the School. Nor does any student have the right to display conduct, which is likely to offend others. Offensive behaviour will not be tolerated, whether it be the irresponsible use of offensive language, smoking, drinking of alcoholic liquor, stealing, the possession of any but medically prescribed drugs, bullying, harassment or the injury of others. Offenders may have their enrolment withdrawn.

The mistreatment of the property of others is a serious offence. Such behaviour reveals a lack of concern for the owners of that property, whether these are individuals, the School as a whole, or the community, and therefore cannot be countenanced.

Students should at all times be clean and tidy and maintain and wear the uniform with pride. Cleanliness and tidiness are of paramount importance in a student's appearance. It is a requirement of the School that the uniform be worn to all School functions unless otherwise directed.

In matters which are not specifically covered by the above code or any other School regulations, members of the School will observe the principles outlined above concerning the dignity of each person, respect for others and their property, and of mutual cooperation within the School community.

Acceptance and support of this Code of Conduct is expected of all students enrolled at Whitsunday Anglican School.

School Rules

Interpretation of the School Rules lies with The Head of Middle School.

General

1. Students are expected to arrive at School before the first bell at 8.25 am, and not depart before the last bell at 3.00 pm. Supervision is not provided for students who arrive at School before 8.00 am. Students should not arrive at School before 8.00 am unless required for supervised activities.
2. Students are not permitted to leave the School grounds without permission. This will only be granted in specific circumstances and only with the knowledge and consent of the parents/guardians or the Head of Middle School.
3. Irresponsible behaviour within the School grounds and buildings including the defiance of the authority of both teaching and non-teaching staff is not acceptable behaviour.
4. The use of offensive language, smoking or being in the presence of smoking, consumption of alcohol, taking or possessing illegal drugs, carrying or possessing dangerous objects, and stealing are regarded as serious breaches of discipline.
5. Harassment of any kind, including physical, emotional and/or cyber bullying, is regarded as a serious breach of discipline. The School has a 'zero tolerance' policy on all forms of harassment.
6. The chewing of gum is not permitted at School or while in School uniform.

Timetabled Lessons

7. Regular and punctual attendance at all lessons is expected. Arrival at all lessons with the correct and named equipment is essential.
8. Students must respect the rights of others to benefit from the educational opportunities being offered at the School.
9. Students are expected to keep up with the requirements of the subjects being studied. This is inclusive of the assignments, projects, field trips and such commitments.

Uniform

10. The School uniform is designed to be functional and not subject to fashion statements. All items of uniform must be clean and kept in good repair. The bottom of the girls' skirts should be worn at knee level when standing. Boys' shorts or long pants should be worn on the waist and belted where belt tabs exist. In Terms 2 and 3 ties are worn by all boys in the Middle School. Laced black, leather School shoes must be worn with the uniform.
11. Hair is to be neat, tidy, neatly trimmed and pulled back from the face. Radical cuts and/or trends are not permitted. Middle School students are not permitted any hair colouring at all. Fringes must clear the eyebrows and not be swept back behind the ears. Boys' hair must be trimmed at reasonably frequent intervals, have the ears showing and must not be worn below the level of the collar. Boys must be clean-shaven and sideburns are not to extend below the middle of the ear. Girls' hair must be tidy and pulled back from the face and tied neatly if the length is below the collar. Hair accoutrements are to be discreet and in the School colours (red, white, grey and black). Hair should not interfere with the wearing of the School hat.



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12. Makeup of any kind, including eye liner, mascara, tinted lashes, eye shadow, rouge, lipstick, foundation, tinted moisturizer and lipgloss, are not permitted. Coloured nail polish, false nails and French manicures are not permitted.
13. Jewellery is restricted to a watch and, for girls only, one pair of small stud earrings (< 5 mm diameter) white pearl, silver or gold stud earrings worn in the lobes. Students unable to wear small studs may wear plain sleepers after written parental requests have been made. Visible body piercings or plastic inserts in any body piercings are not acceptable. Medical bands verified by medical practitioners are permitted. Conservative religious crosses on chains are permitted if worn beneath the uniform, provided they are not visible. Anklets and rings are not permitted.
14. We are a Sun Safe School. Middle School students are expected to wear the School hat when walking to and from School, when on the ovals, in outdoor Physical Education classes, during outdoor Inter-house activities, whilst at the pick-up zones, when in school uniform before or after school hours in the wider community, including shopping centres and at all times they are exposed to direct sunlight. Hats are also mandatory for official activities such as the Anzac Day march. The wearing of sunglasses whilst outdoors is encouraged although reflective lenses are not permitted.
15. The red School jumper may be worn over the day uniform, the sports uniform or the formal uniform. The School blazer may be worn with the formal uniform. The tracksuit is only to be worn as a suit over the sports uniform. The tracksuit jacket is not to be worn over the formal uniform.
16. In the Middle School, students may wear their Physical Education uniform for practical PE and as directed by their teacher for Health lessons. The House uniform is worn on House sports days. Sports shoes (running shoes or cross trainers only) may be worn with the sports or House uniform. Street (fashionable) shoes, e.g. Dunlop Volleys, high top basketball shoes, canvas/skate shoes cannot be worn. Socks worn with the sports uniform must be the official Whitsunday sport sock or completely white without logos. Socks need to cover the ankle. The House uniform can only be worn on House Sports days, House Spirit days or as communicated to parents via Daily Correspondence for special events/activities.
17. Students are required to wear "full leather upper" shoes in the Industrial Arts workshops and in Science practical lessons.
18. On non-uniform days, closed footwear must be worn by all students. All students must wear conservative tops with sleeves. Girls' skirts/dresses and shorts worn by any student should be no shorter than the sports shorts. Students should not wear ripped, torn clothing, nor should any item of clothing have offensive language or inappropriate designs. Normal make-up, hair and jewellery rules apply.
19. All students are to be in Year Group allocated eating areas for 10 minutes at the commencement of each break. Students must remain seated until dismissed by Staff on duty. No food is to be consumed in any other areas of the School.