Student Code of Conduct

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.

Policy

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 her/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 Offenders may have their enrolment withdrawn.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 Heads of Sub-Schools. Persons requiring clarification or amplification should see the Head of Junior School (K – Yr4); Head of Middle School (Yr5-Yr8) and Head of Senior School (Yr9-Yr12).*

**General**

1. Students are expected to arrive at School before the first bell at 8.25am and not depart before the last bell at 3.00pm. Supervision is not provided for students who arrive at School before 8:00am. Students should not arrive at School before 8.00am unless required for supervised activities. Students in Before School Care are exempt from this ruling.

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.

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 bullying, is regarded as a serious breach of discipline. The School has a ‘zero tolerance’ policy on all forms of harassment.

6. Students are not permitted to drive to School and park on School property without prior arrangement with the Principal and the parents/guardians. A condition of permission being granted is that students deposit their vehicle keys, and sign “in” and “out” at the Student Reception for the time between their arrival and departure.

**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 and Senior Schools.

11. Hair is to be neat, tidy, neatly trimmed and pulled back from the face. Unnatural hair colours, including streaks and foils, and "fashionable" and radical cuts and/or trends are not permitted. Unnatural colours are those that are not a normal hair colour anywhere, or are not natural for the student’s skin tones. Middle and Junior 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 including when working at desks and computers. Hair accoutrements are to be similar in colour to the hair and ribbons and scrunchies are to be in the School colours. Hair should not interfere with the wearing of the School hat. It is never acceptable for one student to cut another’s hair. Makeup of any kind, including foundation, tinted moisturizer and lipgloss, is not permitted. Coloured nail polish, false nails and French manicures are not permitted.

12. Jewellery is restricted to a watch and, for girls only, one pair of small stud earrings worn in the lobes. Students unable to wear small studs may wear plain sleepers after written parental requests have been made. Clear plastic inserts in any body piercings are not acceptable. Medical bands verified by medical practitioners are permitted. Religious crosses on chains are permitted if worn beneath the uniform.

13. Hats are to be worn on all occasions when students are in the sunlight for extended periods and when on the oval. The wearing of sunglasses is encouraged although reflective lenses are not permitted.

14. The red School jumper or the School blazer may be worn over the day uniform, the sports uniform or the formal uniform. The tracksuit is only to be worn over the sports uniform. The tracksuit jacket is not to be worn over the day or formal uniform.

15. In the Senior School, students are expected to change into House and Sports uniforms for their Physical Education lessons. They are also expected to change back into School uniform during the closest break following these lessons. Students who are timetabled for sport twice in the same day may remain in their sports uniform for the day so long as this is supported by the time-table.

16. In the Junior and Middle Schools students may wear their Physical Education uniform for PE and Health lessons, and the House Uniform should be worn on House Sports Days.

**Eating**

17. All students are to be in the sub-School designated eating areas until the 10 minute bell rings. Students must remain in the Plazas until dismissed by Staff on duty. No food is to be consumed in any other areas of the School.