



## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and the well-being of students.

This Code of Conduct sets out the responsibilities and expectations for every student at Chisholm Catholic College. It also informs key policies and procedures that support our inherent Core Values and the successful day-to-day operation for the College as an educational community. There is a clear understanding that the code is mandatory for all students and not discretionary.

This code describes the minimum requirements expected with guiding principles of commitment and not an exhaustive list of every precise commitment or behaviour. The College leadership through the Principal as the ultimate decision maker is vested with providing a safe and competent level of education and care for its students, who at times will be vulnerable to the behaviour of others and as such, the application of this code through College policy and practices remains with the Principal and due process.

### Student Undertaking and Commitment to the Code of Conduct

As a student of Chisholm Catholic College I agree and commit to –

- be in attendance on all school days and at all scheduled, timetabled activities except in cases of illness, misadventure or approved leave;
- actively demonstrate appropriate behaviour towards other students and staff members that is free from denigration, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or aggressive and violent behaviour;
- strive to do my best in my classroom learning and all educational activities as well as respect the right of others to fully engage in the teaching and learning process;
- take pride in my personal appearance and adhere to College expectations in the school uniform code and in accordance with the current College uniform policy;
- maintain my involvement in the expectations of College ethos and community through Liturgies, Service, House, and Retreat activities;
- demonstrate appropriate ICT, personal device and internet usage in accordance with the College's BYOD ICT Policy. This includes not photographing or videoing anyone or any event within the College without authorisation from staff or parents or fraudulently posing as another user.

- not partake, possess or be under the influence of non-medically prescribed substances (including tobacco, alcohol and other illicit substances) at the College, on the way to and from, or whilst involved in any College activity off campus.
- show due respect for College buildings, property and grounds and the possessions of others;
- demonstrate respect and courtesy in any interactions with members of the wider community in regard to appropriate language and behaviour that illustrates being a good ambassador for our College.

### **Breaches of the Code of Conduct**

The overseeing of the student Code of Conduct (as per the Staff Code of Conduct) is the responsibility of the College Leadership. Breaches of the Code of Conduct and the determined consequences remain at the discretion of the Principal, supported by College Executive and Pastoral Care staff. This may include temporary withdrawal from classes, after school detention, Saturday morning detention and community service, external suspension from school or exclusion.

In certain circumstances, it may be determined necessary to report particular breaches of this Code to external authorities as required through legislation. This includes Police, Mandatory Reporting Child Abuse Unit, Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support.

Students and parents may wish to raise a concern or grievance and are free to do so through consultation and direction to the appropriate level of staff with due regard for the issue and for due process.

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### **Acknowledgement and Agreement**

**(Students and Parents sign a hard copy of this Code that is distributed directly via Pastoral Care Groups and returned to be placed on file)**