



# John Paul College Student Code of Conduct

## Purpose

John Paul College is committed to ensuring a respectful and Christ centred learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students of the College.

It is the intention of John Paul College to provide clear guidelines to all students regarding the conduct expected of them whilst at the College, engaging in College related activities or representing the College. Students are expected to uphold the core values of the College at all times.

## Application

This code will apply to all students at John Paul College. The application of the Code is not limited to the College grounds and College hours. It extends to all activities and events that are related to the College and representing or acting on behalf of the College. The Code also requires that student actions do not bring the College into disrepute at any time regardless of whether the action occurs within or outside of College activities.

## Core Values

John Paul College is a Catholic College in which we live out the Christian values of Justice, Peace and Charity in all activities we engage in as a College Community.

At John Paul College, we believe that to be a better College it is essential that staff, students and parents uphold the four core values in all activities, relationships and dealings we have with one another.

- We show respect for one another.
- We share pride in the College community.
- We support each other.
- We strive to be the best we can.

## Definition of a 'student'

For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, a 'Student' of John Paul College shall be considered to be a current student of John Paul College until they withdraw from the College and are no longer enrolled or (in the case of Year 12 students) the day after the completion of an individual's final examination.

## Conduct and Bearing of All Students

It is expected that every student will:

- Uphold the College values at all times;
- Behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of themselves or others;
- Abide by all health and safety rules and procedures operating within the College and other locations at which the student may visit;
- Ensure that their actions do not bring the College into disrepute;
- Uphold the reputation of the College by observing an appropriate standard of behaviour in transit (car, bus, bicycle, moped or motorbike) to and from the College and when wearing the College uniform;

- Respect the authority of members of staff and observe College rules as required;
- Strictly adhere to the College's policies and procedures as required;
- Be respectful and supportive of the College values and beliefs;
- Behave with courtesy and consideration for others. In particular, students must refrain from all forms of bullying and harassment;
- Refrain from behaviour that would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students;
- Refrain from activities, conduct or communication that would reasonably be seen to undermine the reputation of the College, employees or students of the College (including activities on social media);
- Respect the College property, and the property of staff, visitors and other students;
- Be punctual and attend all classes;
- Be prepared for the day, including bringing PE kit to all PE lessons;
- Attend Interhouse Carnivals;
- Remain in the College grounds during the school day, unless otherwise approved by the principal;
- Complete work set by teachers promptly and to the best of their ability, and to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the College;
- Follow the College uniform requirements as set out in the College Diary;
- Not possess or smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes, possess or use or be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health, on the College grounds or on College excursions, in transit between home and the College or otherwise while wearing the College uniform.

### **Unacceptable conduct**

Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Touching, handling, pushing or otherwise physically or sexually engaging with students, staff or others in a manner which is not appropriate and may endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of that person;
- Any form of physical or verbal violence including fighting, assault or threats of violence;
- Any form of cyber bullying or cyber abuse;
- Sending inappropriate, offensive or explicit text messages, photos or videos;
- Gambling of any form (both on-line gambling and in person) during school time, whilst undertaking College activities or whilst wearing the College uniform;
- Language or conduct which is likely to offend, harass, bully or unfairly discriminate against any student, teacher, contractor or visitor;
- Theft, fraud or misuse of College resources;
- Damaging or defacing another student's locker or lock;
- Using another student's device;
- The use of inappropriate or profane words or gestures and images;
- Unacceptable class attendance levels;
- Smoking or consuming alcohol or illicit drugs on the College grounds, on College excursions, in transit between the College and home or otherwise while wearing the College uniform;

- Attending the College, social, sporting or other functions as a representative of the College whilst under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health.

**Reporting**

It is expected that all students will report any cases to a teacher or senior staff member (in confidence) of unlawful behaviour or of behaviour in breach of this conduct which may have been observed or reported to them.

**Breach**

Students who breach the Code of Conduct may be sanctioned by the observing teacher, House Coordinator, Head of Learning Teacher or member of the Leadership Team, as deemed appropriate given the nature of the breach and the age of the student.

Students who continue to breach the Code will be interviewed by the applicable staff member. Appropriate action, which may include behavioural contracts, detentions, mediation, suspension or exclusion, is at the discretion of the House Coordinator and/or the Leadership Team.

The Student Code of Conduct is to be reviewed within three years of publication.