



## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Christian educational community, Brindabella Christian College strives to create an environment where all students are safe and respected. This *Student Code of Conduct* is designed to guide student decision making and encourage wise and acceptable behaviours. It supports the College in achieving its mission and is based on our 'WISE' values of Wisdom, Integrity, Service and Excellence and 'ROCK' values of Respect, Obedience, Confidence and Kindness. It is also founded on our belief that all people are created in God's image and are worthy of dignity and respect; we are all called to encourage one another and pursue peace, and we are all accountable for our actions.

To maintain an environment where all students are safe and respected, students are expected to comply with the following expectations and guidelines.

### **Students at the College have the right to:**

1. Be included and welcomed, treated equally no matter where they are from or who they are.
2. Be given information about their physical, emotional and online safety, and what to do if they feel unsafe.
3. Be given a variety of ways to have their say and be involved.
4. Be treated with respect, care, understanding, kindness and courtesy.
5. Be listened to and helped with their hopes and aspirations as well as their concerns.
6. Be able to learn and not be deprived of this right by the behaviour of others.
7. Be confident that their personal property will be kept safe.
8. Be given opportunities to seek reconciliation.

### **Students at the College have the responsibility to:**

1. Be respectful of the College's Christian education, values and worldview.
2. Behave in a way that upholds the good reputation of the College.
3. Behave in a safe and responsible manner.
4. Use technology appropriately in an honest, moral and ethical manner as per the 'Responsible Use of Devices Agreement'. Mobile phones are not to be used at school; only Yr 11-12 students may use mobile phones and only in the Café.
5. Be obedient to instructions issued by members of staff and be truthful in all interactions.
6. Be polite and courteous to fellow students and adults, both in and out of the College.
7. Wear the prescribed uniform without variation.
8. Behave sensibly and kindly in public and on public transport, whether in or out of uniform.
9. Use respectful, kind and caring language. Swearing or other inappropriate language is not permitted.
10. Not bring dangerous or prohibited substances to school, including but not limited to knives, matches, lighters, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, drugs or alcohol.
11. Not smoke or use other substances, including drugs or alcohol.
12. Consider the thoughts and feelings of fellow students and do nothing to harm others either physically (e.g. no pushing, kicking, etc.) or verbally (e.g. no put-downs, rumours, etc.).

13. Be especially mindful of small and vulnerable children in the playgrounds and corridors and avoid actions that in any way threatens younger children.
14. Walk along corridors and through doorways; avoid running except in designated play areas.
15. Play fairly with complete respect for the referee or umpire as well as fellow teammates and opponents in all games.
16. Co-operate in schoolwork and homework and respect the rights of other students in the class to learn unhindered.
17. Respect the property of the College and that of other students, teachers and parents. Avoid interfering with such property under all circumstances. Where damage occurs, either accidentally or otherwise, pay what is due to repair or replace such property.
18. Be in the right place at the right time and avoid being out of bounds at any time.
19. Wear hats outdoors (or beanies in winter) always when in the open unless walking to and from class.
20. Not bring nut products to school (the College aims to be nut free).

### **Consequences for breaching this Code of Conduct**

If it becomes evident that a student has breached or is breaching the *Student Code of Conduct*, a teacher will remind the student of the College's expectations. For more serious breaches of the *Student Code of Conduct*, teachers will respond according to the College's Behaviour Management Guidelines and keep a record of the misbehaviour in order to ensure effective follow-up. If serious breaches of the *Student Code of Conduct* occur, parents will be contacted. Very serious breaches of the Student Code of Conduct may result in a suspension or the annulment of the enrolment contract. The College recognises the need for students to be involved in the process and be given an opportunity to attend counselling, undertake relevant educational programs or receive other appropriate assistance.

Parents, please counter-sign below to acknowledge that you have read and discussed the *Student Code of Conduct* with your child. A parent's signature is sufficient on behalf of Kindergarten - Yr 4 students. Yr 5 - 12 students are asked to sign this document to acknowledge that they have read and understood the *Student Code of Conduct*. Once signed, please return this document to Student Enrolments.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Student Name

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Parent Name

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**Approved by Suzanne Power**

**On 16 May 2021**

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