



## **Guidelines for Mutual Respect**

### **ETHOS**

John Paul College is a community comprising students, parents and staff who all share in the vision and responsibility of delivering a holistic education in a supportive and co-operative Christian environment. Our ethos fosters the development of the whole person in spirit, mind, body and character. All members of our community are expected to treat others with dignity, graciousness and mutual respect, understanding the importance of co-operating in a Christian community with diverse interests and traditions, a common concern for the well-being of all its members, and for the promotion of Christian values.

Every student will take personal responsibility for their own development by diligent and careful preparation for, and participation in, all the classes and activities of which they are a member. Mutual respect requires us all to be conscious of the learning needs of others and how our actions may affect them also.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to attend the various formal events in the College calendar, as relevant to the school that they are in. Attendance by a student is the legal responsibility of their parent(s). Students may not leave the grounds for any purpose during the College day without permission and must sign in/out at the relevant school office.

Students must be at the College and ready to start class at the designated time. If a student arrives late, he/she must report to the appropriate office to be issued with a late slip before proceeding to class. When a student is expected to arrive at school later than the normal starting time or will be absent, then the parent should notify the relevant school between 7:30am and 8:00am. For further details, refer to the Parent and Student Information Handbook.

### **CONDUCT**

Students should conduct themselves at all times in a manner that reflects positively on them, their family and the College. The College maintains a 'no tolerance' policy towards the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol and any illegal drug or substance by students on the campus, at any College activity or while wearing the College uniform. Parents share the responsibility of ensuring that the reputation of the College is maintained at the highest level when students are beyond our direct control. Behaviour or conduct in a social context that brings the reputation of the College into disrepute, that is brought to our attention, may also have serious consequences.

### **GROOMING**

Students are expected to reflect the conservative, professional nature of the College. High standards of dress and grooming are important at all times, and particularly when students represent their College in the wider community. Students are expected to wear their uniform with pride as appropriate to the occasion. All items of the uniform must be clean and kept in good repair. For further detail, refer to the Parent and Student Information Handbook.



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## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Holistic education means that the College offers a wide range of spiritual, cultural and sporting co-curricular activities in addition to our academic programme. Students, from Year 4, are expected to participate in at least one co-curricular activity in each school year. In the event of any clash between this commitment and involvement in a community cultural or sporting group, the College team/group must take priority. Should club sport be offered by the School, the expectation is that the student will play for the School in that competition, unless otherwise approved by the Headmaster.

Membership of a College team or group implies a commitment to attend all fixtures and training/rehearsal sessions, out of mutual respect for fellow team members and staff involved. For further detail, refer to the Parent and Student Information Handbook.

## PROPERTY

Students should foster the attitude of care and concern for their own property and the property of others. Interfering with, mistreating or removing any property which is not theirs is not acceptable.

## TECHNOLOGY

Students are fortunate to learn in a technology-rich environment. Appropriate use of that technology is outlined in the Student Handbook, with students expected to follow these guidelines.

## CONCLUSION

In matters which are not specifically covered above or by other College policies, students, staff and parents are encouraged to apply the principles outlined above, to maintain the outstanding reputation of the College, the dignity of each person and the mutual respect that we encourage for each other.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_