

Student Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSE

Kingswood College is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students at the school.

It is the intention of Kingswood College to provide clear guidelines to all students regarding the conduct expected of them while in a school environment (including online), at school-related locations or engaging in school-related activities or representing the school. Students are expected to uphold the school's core values at all times.

2. SCOPE

This Code of Conduct applies to all Kingswood College students. The application of this Code of Conduct is not limited to the school site and school hours. It extends to all activities and events that are school-related and when representing or acting on behalf of the school, including, without limitation, at all times when wearing the school uniform.

The Code of Conduct also requires that student actions do not bring the school into disrepute at any time, regardless of whether the action occurs within or outside of school-related activities.

For the purposes of this policy, a student of Kingswood College shall be considered to be a current student of the College until they withdraw from the College and are no longer enrolled or (in the case of Year 12 students) receipt of final results.

This Code of Conduct is communicated to the College community via our website.

3. KEY ELEMENTS OF THE POLICY

3.1 Principles

This Code of Conduct is based on the following principles that everyone at Kingswood College:

- has the right to be safe
- our diverse student cohort has the right to be treated with respect and be valued. This includes:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
 - Children and young people with a disability
 - Children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including international students
 - LGBTQI+ (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex)
 - Children and young people who are unable to live at home
- has the right to participate within a secure environment without interference, intimidation, harassment, bullying or discrimination
- is encouraged to be respectful, polite, courteous and considerate of others
- has the right to be supported and challenged as ongoing learners.

3.2 Expected conduct of all students

It is expected that every student will:

- uphold the school's core values at all times
- behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves or others
- abide by all health and safety rules and procedures operating within the school and other locations at which the students may visit
- ensure that their actions do not bring the school into disrepute
- respect the authority of members of staff and observe school rules and teacher directions as required
- strictly adhere to the *Student ICT Use Policy* and *Student ICT User Agreement/Junior School ICT User Agreement (as applicable)*
- be respectful and supportive of the school's beliefs and values
- behave with courtesy and consideration for others
- refrain from all forms of bullying, harassment, racial vilification, and discrimination of any nature
- report any behaviour of other students that is harmful to other students, or to the teachers or school
- support other students, or seek help for other students who need assistance or are in a vulnerable situation
- refrain from behaviour which would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students
- respect school property (including classrooms and the environment) and the property of staff, contractors, visitors and other students
- be punctual and attend all scheduled classes
- remain in the school 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 at the school
- dress neatly and with due regard for health, hygiene and safety in accordance with the school's uniform requirements.

3.3 Unacceptable conduct

Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- touching, handling, pushing or otherwise physically or sexually engaging with students 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, bullying, name calling, racial discrimination or discrimination on grounds of disability, appearance, or religion)
- any form of cyber bullying or cyber abuse
- theft or misuse of property belonging to other students or the school
- sending or posting inappropriate, offensive, or explicit text or other messages, photos, or videos, or otherwise any content which is contrary to the values of the College
- language or conduct which is likely to offend, harass, bully, or unfairly discriminate against any student, teacher (or other staff member), contractor or visitor
- the use of inappropriate or profane words or gestures and images
- unacceptable class attendance levels
- being uncooperative with teachers during class or school activities and generally disrupting planned activities.

3.4 Supporting positive behaviour

The student *Behaviour Management Policy* is based on a model of positive behaviour support. This is a model that acknowledges the positive behaviour of the majority of students and puts strategies into place to model and specifically teach expected behaviours. It targets focused support, including staged sanctions, for the minority of students that do not embrace positive behaviour.

3.5 Breach of the Student Code of Conduct

Students who breach this Code of Conduct may be sanctioned by the class teacher or school Principal as deemed appropriate given the nature of breach and the age of the student.

In cases of serious and/or persistent breaches of the Student Code of Conduct, the student *Behaviour Management Policy* outlines the consequences for student misbehaviour. The Kingswood College *Behaviour Management Policy* outlines the management of suspension and expulsion, and appeals processes are set out in the College's *Complaints and Grievances Policy and Procedures*.

In accordance with applicable legislation and the College's *Child Safe Policy*, the police and/or 'Families and Children's Services' within the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP), and/or any other relevant bodies will be informed of any unlawful breaches of this Code.

4. RELATED POLICIES

- Enrolment Policy and Procedures, and Enrolment Agreement
- Complaints and Grievances Policy and Procedures
- Child Safe Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Respectful and Safe School Policy and Guidelines
- Student ICT Use Policy
- Student ICT User Agreement, Junior School ICT User Agreement
- Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- Student Dress Code

5. REFERENCES

- Ministerial Order No. 1359 Implementing the Child Safe Standards – Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools and School Boarding Premises