SUMMERLAND CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Student Code of Conduct

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1. Purpose and Christian Foundation

At Summerland Christian College we seek to honour God in all we do by fostering respect, responsibility, and a love of learning.

Our desire is to support student wellbeing, belonging and holistic development within a Christ centred community. We believe values driven education provides stability, clarity and safety for students and staff, and reflects our commitment to Christian character and relationships which remain unchanging in a world of constant change.

This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for student behaviour so that all members of the College community can learn and flourish in a safe and supportive environment.

Adherence to this Code is a condition of enrolment and continued enrolment at the College.

2. Student Rights and Responsibilities

2.1 Rights

- learn in a safe, respectful and supportive environment
- be treated fairly and with dignity
- feel valued, included and supported in learning and wellbeing
- contribute positively to the life of the College.

Responsibilities

- respect the rights of others to learn and feel safe
- follow school rules, policies and staff directions
- act honestly and with integrity
- care for themselves, others and the College environment
- act with empathy and kindness.

3. General Conduct and Behaviour Expectations

Students are expected to:

- be safe and avoid behaviour that places themselves or others at risk
- be respectful, polite and considerate in words and actions
- be kind and supportive toward others
- be responsible for behaviour, uniform, equipment and learning
- be conscientious in completing learning tasks and allowing others to learn
- act lawfully and ethically, including academic honesty
- attend school regularly and be punctual
- wear the uniform correctly, including when travelling to and from the College.

Students must follow all reasonable and lawful directions given by staff members.

Students are encouraged to seek help from trusted staff if they feel unsafe, unwell or concerned about their own wellbeing or that of others.

4. Academic Commitment and Integrity

Students are expected to:

- respect the learning environment and the role of teachers
- demonstrate commitment to learning and personal effort
- complete classwork, homework and assessment tasks on time
- seek assistance when needed
- follow all examination rules and procedures.

4.1 Artificial Intelligence and Learning

AI and digital tools may support learning when approved by teachers. Students must not use technology to:

- misrepresent their own work
- generate assessment responses presented as their own

- bypass assessment expectations.

Misuse of AI may be managed as a breach of academic integrity and addressed under College policy.

5. Respectful Relationships, Bullying and Harassment

Students must not engage in behaviour that is:

- bullying
- harassing
- discriminatory
- intimidating
- harmful to others.

This includes behaviour occurring in person or online.

The College addresses such behaviour in accordance with the Bullying and Harassment Policy and the Student Discipline Policy

6. Respect for Staff and Authority

Staff are responsible for teaching, supervision and maintaining a safe learning environment. Respect for staff supports learning for all students.

Students are expected to:

- follow reasonable instructions from staff
- speak respectfully to staff at all times
- cooperate with classroom and school expectations
- use appropriate reporting pathways if concerns arise.

Students must not:

- make jokes, comments or behaviour that targets, mocks or humiliates staff
- refuse reasonable instructions or display defiant behaviour
- make disparaging comments about staff in person or online
- encourage others to undermine staff authority.

6.1 Recording and Digital Representation of Staff

To protect safety, privacy and professional integrity, students must not:

- record staff (audio or video) without explicit permission
- photograph or film staff for sharing without permission
- create or distribute AI generated images, audio or video depicting staff
- post personal attacks or humiliating content about staff online.

Concerns about staff must be raised through appropriate College reporting pathways.

Serious breaches in this area may be treated as Major Incidents under the Student Discipline Policy.

7. Property and Environment

Students must:

- respect their own belongings
- keep classrooms and grounds clean and free of litter or graffiti
- use school furniture and facilities responsibly.

Parents may be required to cover costs for intentional damage.

8. Safety and Prohibited Items

Students must:

- remain in designated areas
- avoid out of bounds areas without permission
- not ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards or similar devices on campus.

Prohibited items include:

- weapons or imitation weapons
- aerosol cans or propellants
- pornography or violent materials
- alcohol, cigarettes, e cigarettes, vapes or illicit substances
- animals (except approved service animals or authorised cases).

9. Medications

All medication must be submitted to the College office and managed according to an approved medication plan.

- Secondary students may be permitted to carry and self administer medication for asthma, diabetes or anaphylaxis where approved.
- Primary students with asthma may be required to carry medication during activities, sport or excursions as directed by the College.

Students must never share medication with other students.

10. Information Technology and Digital Citizenship

Technology must be used responsibly and in ways that reflect College values.

10.1 Device Expectations

Students must:

- use devices primarily for learning purposes
- keep mobile phones switched off and stored unless permission is given
- not use smartwatches or laptops for messaging during school hours
- bring devices fully charged each day
- log in with their own account and keep passwords secure
- access the internet only through the College network
- comply with College monitoring and safety software.

Students must not:

- use personal hotspots or VPNs
- engage in gaming unless approved for learning
- use social media or chat platforms during school hours
- use devices during recess or lunch unless authorised.

10.2 Digital Behaviour Expectations

Students must:

- act responsibly, safely and legally online
- respect privacy and not share images or information without consent
- report inappropriate digital behaviour to staff
- communicate with staff only via approved school platforms.

10.3 AI, Deepfakes and Harmful Digital Content

Students must not create, use, possess or distribute AI generated or manipulated content that:

- impersonates or misrepresents another person
- humiliates, intimidates or harms others
- falsely represents events or communications
- damages the reputation or wellbeing of students or staff.

Examples include fake images, deepfakes, manipulated audio or false recordings.

These behaviours are considered serious breaches and will generally be treated as Major Incidents under the Student Discipline Policy.

11. Conduct Outside of School and College Reputation

As members of the Summerland Christian College community, students are ambassadors of the College's values, and their conduct, both at school and beyond, reflects not only on themselves but on the wider community they represent.

Behaviour occurring outside school hours, including online activity, may be addressed by the College where it:

- impacts the safety or wellbeing of students or staff
- involves unlawful behaviour
- involves bullying, harassment or harmful digital conduct
- causes significant damage to the reputation of the College or members of its community.

Students are expected to act responsibly in public and online spaces, including social media and digital platforms.

Conduct that brings the College into disrepute or is prejudicial to the wellbeing of the College community may result in disciplinary action and, in serious cases, suspension or termination of enrolment in accordance with the Student Discipline Policy and Enrolment Terms and Conditions.

12. Sporting Events

Students participating in sport or attending as spectators must:

- encourage others positively
- wear correct sports uniform
- follow rules and demonstrate sportsmanship
- respect officials and staff decisions
- thank opponents and officials appropriately.

13. Travel and Representation

Students must uphold College standards when travelling to and from school or College activities.

Students must:

- wear correct uniform

- remain seated and wear seatbelts where provided
- avoid behaviour that distracts drivers
- use devices respectfully with earphones
- follow road rules when travelling by bicycle.

14. Behaviour Responses and Consequences

The College's approach to behaviour management focuses on reflection, restoration and growth.

Behaviour incidents are managed in accordance with the Student Discipline Policy and may be categorised as:

- Minor
- Significant
- Major.

Responses may include:

- restorative conversations
- loss of privileges
- behaviour support strategies
- parent communication
- formal disciplinary consequences.

Serious or repeated breaches may result in suspension, probationary enrolment or termination of enrolment in accordance with College policy.

This code will be reviewed in line with College policy cycles and legislative requirements.