



# Code of Behaviour

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The School's Rules exist to ensure that the comforts, rights and safety of all School members are protected. When students and their families join the School community, it is assumed that they have read and agreed with these rules.

The School aims, in partnership with the home, to develop good character and self-discipline; consequently:

**STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACT WITH COMMON SENSE,  
GOOD MANNERS AND DECENCY AT ALL TIMES.**

## School Rules

These rules apply to all students of all ages while attending school or in boarding; representing the School in any place or occasion when a student is in School uniform or can be recognised as a member of the School; any situation that could be recognised as related to the School.

1. Students will at all times respect and obey all School Staff and Student Officers.
2. A student's personal appearance will always conform to the School's Dress standard.
3. No student is permitted to have, use or be affected by tobacco, e-cigarettes, vapes, alcohol or any prohibited substance.
4. Unauthorised borrowing or theft of others' property will not be tolerated.
5. Wilful damage or destruction of any property is prohibited and could require the payment of compensation.
6. All dangerous substances (including matches, explosives, fireworks, ammunition, knives, etc.) are strictly forbidden.
7. Students will not leave the School grounds during the day without complying with set procedures of their respective school (Middle or Senior). Boarders will not leave the grounds without complying with the set procedures as detailed in the Boarding Handbook.
8. Except in the case of illness, students must be in attendance on all School days unless leave has been granted by the School.
9. Students are expected to attend the following School events: Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming Carnivals, Speech Day and School Camps.
10. All members of the School community have a responsibility to uphold the values of The Rockhampton Grammar School.
11. Students will behave in a manner which enhances their reputation and the reputation of the School. This responsibility extends to behaviour outside the School, outside School functions and outside School hours.

<b>RULE</b>	<b>AREA COVERED</b>	<b>EXAMPLE</b>
<b>Movement</b>	To and from classes, during breaks and at assembly.	Assemble quietly and on time. Don't push and shove in queues.
<b>Treatment</b>	The way we treat one another.	See School Policy (Student Diary) on bullying, discrimination and harassment.
<b>Conflict Resolution</b>	How we resolve disputes: student/student; student/staff.	All disputes must be resolved through consultation and discussion. See our Grievance Procedure (Student Diary).
<b>Learning</b>	In class and outdoor activities such as camps, excursions and tours.	All students have the right to learn in an orderly, disciplined environment.
<b>Safety</b>	All sensitive areas such as laboratories, workshops, gym and swimming pool have specific rules that must be obeyed. Take care when using equipment. Do not bring dangerous items to school.	Be sensible and take steps to avoid accidents happening. Always assess the risks to yourself and others.
<b>Dress and Appearance</b>	Appropriate dress must be worn correctly and with pride, to and from School and at all School functions and activities.	Formal, Day and Sports uniforms as outlined in the Uniform Brochure. No jewellery or make-up. No exaggerated hair styles or unnatural colour tinting permitted. For boys, hair must be neatly cut and groomed: off the collar, ears and above the eyes for boys. Long hair (girls) must be tied back.
<b>Equipment</b>	All necessary equipment for learning to occur.	Students are responsible for having all necessary equipment for classes and for the security of their equipment. Note that a regulation school bag (with an optional plain black sports bag) is a requirement.

### **Consequences**

Breaches of the above rules may result in: rule reminder, verbal apology, written apology, isolation from peers, withdrawal from class, clean-up duties, loss of privileges, detention, suspension, expulsion. Parents will be notified of any serious breach of School discipline by their children. They will also be notified of the punishment incurred. The Headmaster may request withdrawal, or expel a student, for serious breaches of the School rules.

### **Guidelines for Parents / Carers**

The School is committed to creating an environment where all of its community can enjoy participation in the School activities, events or programs without experiencing abusive, insulting, threatening or other anti-social behaviour.

The School calls on all parents/carers (and other spectators) associated with The School to:

- observe the School's guidelines for parents/carers;
- when necessary, politely and respectfully remind others of their obligations under these guidelines; and
- in the event of serious or ongoing breaches of these guidelines by another person, to report the matter to a staff member or volunteer of the School so that appropriate action can be taken.