



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Adopted By: Principal

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Purpose

In accordance with providing a child safe organisation, Quinns Baptist College is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students of the school, regardless of ethnic origins and religious beliefs.

It is the intention of Quinns Baptist College (here on referred to as 'The College') to provide clear guidelines to all students regarding the conduct expected of them whilst at the College, engaging in College related activities or representing the College in any capacity. Students are expected to uphold the College's core values at all times.

Application

This Code applies to all College students (here on referred to as 'the students'). The application of this Code is not limited to the College site and hours. It extends to all activities and events that are school-related and when representing or acting on behalf of the College. The Code 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 activities.

Definition of a 'student'

For the purposes of this policy, a 'student' of Quinns Baptist College shall be considered to be a current student of Quinns Baptist College until they withdraw from the school and are no longer enrolled or (in the case of Year 12 Students) the day after the completion of an individual's final exam.

Conduct and bearing of all students

It is expected that every student will:

- uphold the College'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 College and other locations at which the students may visit;
- ensure that their actions do not bring the College into disrepute;
- uphold the reputation of the College by observing an appropriate standard of behaviour in transit to and from the school and when wearing the College uniform;
- respect the authority of members of staff and observe College rules as required;
- strictly adhere to the College's policies and procedures as required;
- be respectful and supportive of the College's beliefs and values;
- behave with courtesy and consideration for others respecting the privacy and human dignity of others. In particular, students must refrain from all forms of bullying and harassment and other forms of peer – to – peer abuse. See also: Bullying Policy;
- refrain from behaviour which would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students;
- refrain from activities, conduct or communication that would reasonably be seen to undermine the reputation of the College, employees or students of the College (including activities on social media);
- respect College property and the property of staff, contractors, visitors and other students;
- be punctual and attend all classes;
- remain in the school grounds during the school day unless otherwise approved by College leaders;
- 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 College's uniform requirements;
- not possess or smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes, possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health, at the College, during excursions, in transit between school and home or otherwise while wearing school uniform.

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 bullying, harassment or violence including fighting, assault or threats of violence;
- any form of cyber bullying or cyber abuse;
- sending inappropriate, offensive or explicit text messages, photos or videos;
- gambling of any form (both on-line gambling and in person) during school time, whilst undertaking College activities or whilst wearing the school uniform;
- language or conduct which is likely to offend, harass, bully or unfairly discriminate against any student, teacher, contractor or visitor;
- theft, fraud, misuse or abuse of school resources;
- the use of inappropriate or profane words or gestures and images;
- unacceptable class attendance levels;
- possessing or consuming smoking related substances, alcohol or illicit drugs at the College, on excursions, in transit between school and home or otherwise whilst wearing school uniform;
- attending school, socials, sporting or other functions as a representative of the College whilst under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health;
- littering and inappropriate misuse or abuse of food products;
- unauthorised access to student bags, private property on school premises and lockers
- unauthorised access to classrooms, storerooms and office spaces;
- plagiarism is not to be tolerated and it to be dealt with according to the academic guidelines as issued by Quinns Baptist College;
- lack of punctuality for class.

Child Protection

The College has an established Child Protection Policy and works within a child safe organisation framework. Should a student become aware of a concern for the welfare of a student as a result of child abuse, the student is encouraged to speak with a member of staff regarding their concerns.

Reporting

It is expected that all students will report any cases to a teacher or senior staff member (in confidence) of unlawful behaviour or behaviour in breach of this conduct which may have been observed or reported to them.

Breach

Dependent on the severity of the breach, Students who breach the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Management Policy.

The Principal reserves the right to administer whatever disciplinary consequences are deemed appropriate in the event the breach falls out of the scope of the Student Management Policy or a significant breach of the Student Code of Conduct.

In accordance with applicable legislation and the School's Child Protection Policy, relevant authorities may be notified of any unlawful breaches of this Code.

Students who are in breach will be subjected to behavioural education with the expectation that they will change their behaviour with the support of staff and fellow pupils in accordance with Christian principles of education.

Related Policies

- Child Protection Policy
- Bullying Policy
- Student Use of Technology Policy