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Code of Conduct (Parents and Guardians)

Introduction

Parents and guardians are an indispensable part of a child's education. We recognise that parents and guardians are part of the College community and have a right to participate in their child's education.

In order to balance the rights of parents and guardians, students, teachers and staff, we expect parents/guardians to uphold a certain standard of behaviour.

This standard allows children to learn, teachers to teach, and other community members to participate in education, free from harassment, violence, intimidation and vilification.

Parents and guardians should set an example for their children, and the children of others. They have a shared responsibility with their children, other parents/guardians and the College to ensure that their children abide by the **Student Code of Conduct**.

Values

Parents and guardians should uphold the values of Cedars Christian College.

Our values are:

- Faith in Christ
- Lifelong learning
- Growing Community

Faith in Christ

Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17

- Be respectful toward all members of the Cedars community by:

- Supporting the College wherever possible
- Communicating in a respectful manner

Lifelong Learning

- Support the teachers and your child in their learning and encourage them to work to the best of their ability by:

- Completing all set work
- Seeking assistance when required
- Showing initiative and drive

Growing Community

- Work with others in the College Community by:

- participating in and attending school events
- supporting the Parent & Friends Association and any fundraising ventures
- projecting a positive image of the College in the wider community

Extra-Curricular and Sporting Events

We recognise that parents and guardians are often actively involved in the sporting and extra-curricular events of their children. We encourage parents to participate in such activities and to support their children, however we also make clear that we have high expectations of parents at these events and activities.

At these events, especially sporting events, parents are expected to:

- encourage (without forcing) their children to participate
- never ridicule, berate, discourage or otherwise interfere with their child or another child
- uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play
- never yell, abuse or otherwise interfere with a sporting official, coach or other person
- never incite, encourage or commit acts of violence
- never use foul or abusive language
- never interfere in an activity.

Dealing with the College

Parents and guardians are expected to deal with our teaching and non-teaching staff in a way that is courteous and respectful at all times.

Parents and guardians should only deal with teachers in accordance with our **Parent Communication and Involvement Policy** so that teachers are able to discharge their duties without interference.

Parents and guardians should not approach or interact with the children of other parents without their permission.

College Policies

Parents and guardians should support their children so that they can comply with College policies.

Parents and guardians, as members of the College community, are also expected to comply with College policies and reasonable directions, including those relating to health and safety and communications with the College.

Complaints and Feedback

Cedars Christian College has developed a complaints policy to ensure that all grievances and complaints are dealt with by the College in the appropriate manner.

Should a parent or guardian be unable to resolve an issue informally, they may lodge a complaint with the College. We commit to dealing with this complaint according to our **Complaints Handling Program**.

Refer to our **Complaints Handling Policy**.

Breach of Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians are expected to follow the Parent Code of Conduct. Serious breaches of the code may lead to the withdrawal of their child/ren from Cedars Christian College.