STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

At Regent College we recognise that effective learning can only occur in a secure environment where the dignity, rights and responsibilities of others are known and respected and where standards and rules are fairly and consistently applied.

This Student Code of Conduct has been developed in consultation with students and sets out standards of behaviour with which students are expected to abide. The College uses a variety of strategies to consult with students when considering the Student Code of Conduct. These may include surveys, discussion groups, consultation with student representatives or other means.

Managing the Student Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility between students, parents/guardians and the College. All students and families have ready access to support offered by College teachers and staff.

OUR VALUES

At Regent College we value respect, honesty, compassion, responsibility and courage. Our values guide all interactions (verbal and non-verbal) between students, staff and members of our community.

Respect

- We accept peoples' differences and treat everyone equally
- We don't make fun of people for what they think or look like
- We listen respectfully to others' opinions and accept their decisions
- We look after school property and other people's belongings

Honesty

- We tell the truth in a polite and respectful way
- We admit the mistakes we have made and make an effort to fix them
- We use wisdom to decide what needs to be shared, considering whether our words will encourage others

Compassion

- We choose to be kind in the way we treat ourselves and others
- We care genuinely for those in need, without expecting anything in return
- We encourage each other and use our words to build others up
- We celebrate our own and others' achievements in a way that will not hurt others

Responsibility

- We do the things that are expected of us with a good attitude
- We take care of our belongings and anything under our charge
- We do the right thing even when no one is watching
- We take ownership of our own actions and accept the consequences for our choices
- We represent our school well, both on and off campus

Courage

- We stand up for what is right even if others aren't doing the same
- We have the courage to try new things and face challenges
- We speak out to support, help and encourage others
- We have the confidence to respectfully share concerns, ideas and thoughts

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to observe and uphold this statement of rights and responsibilities:

- Feel safe (physically and mentally)
- Reach their full learning potential in a safe, supportive and positive environment
- Be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness by other students, teachers and other adults at the College
- Express ideas and opinions in a positive way
- Be treated fairly and justly
- Have their privacy, human rights, and other legal rights respected
- Be listened to
- Have their personal boundaries respected

With rights come responsibilities. Students have the responsibility to:

- Enable others to teach and learn in a safe and supportive environment
- Follow College policies, procedures and the directions of teachers at all times
- Treat others with respect, courtesy and kindness
- Represent the College well in the community
- Accept and consider the consequences of your actions
- To uphold the values of Regent College
- Behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves or others
- Respect the human rights, dignity and legal rights of others
- Respect the privacy and personal boundaries of other students and staff
- Be punctual and regular in attendance
- Dress neatly and in accordance to the Uniform Policy
- Not engage or participate in bullying, harassment, exclusion, intimidation, discrimination, violence, fighting, aggressive behaviour or other forms of physical or verbal abuse

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACHES OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are expected to abide by the College rules and the policies of the College, as well as the directions of teachers.

A breach of this Student Code of Conduct, College rules or policy will be dealt with according to our Appropriate Behavior Policy and may result in disciplinary action including (but not limited to) suspension, expulsion or other exclusions. Students should appreciate that serious offences such as assault, theft, wilful damage and other unlawful activities are highly likely to attract a suspension or even permanent exclusion.

For minor breaches of the Student Code of Conduct students may receive a warning asking them to rectify their behaviour. This warning may take the form of a verbal reminder of the expected behaviour or demerits or infringements. Suspension is likely for consistent minor breaches of the Student Code of Conduct.

Students should be aware that where a student's conduct breaks the law, the matter will be reported to the police, in addition to any action taken by the College for such offence.

Regent College explicitly forbids the use of any form of child abuse, corporal punishment or other degrading punishment by teachers or visiting adults. Similarly, all students are forbidden to use any form of abuse, corporal punishment or other degrading types of behaviour when dealing with anyone on or off the College grounds.

RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY

Students are provided with information about and encouraged to use multiple pathways to raise child safety concerns about, or at the College, including concerns about the safety, wellbeing and behaviour of other students. These include informal and formal ways, an 'anonymous' way, and external child advocacy or child safety organisations. Suggested procedures to follow if a student has a complaint or concern are detailed in the Student Diary.

If a student has concerns about their safety or wellbeing, or the safety, wellbeing or behaviour of others, it is important that they tell a trusted adult. This could be a parent or carer, a trusted teacher or Deputy Principal or Principal.

Our staff are committed to ensuring that all students feel empowered to speak up and be heard and will take all concerns raised by students seriously and ensure that the student receives ongoing support.

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

Appropriate Behaviour Policy
Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy
Complaints Handling Policy
Cyber Safety Policy
Homework Policy
Uniform Policy

REFERENCES

Student Code of Conduct, AISWA
Student Code of Conduct, Mandurah Baptist College