



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Regent College is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students. Regent College's **Student Code of Conduct** seeks to promote a respectful culture within the College Community. The Student Code of Conduct applies to all students and sets out what is expected of them whilst at school. This code applies to all activities and events that are school-related and when representing or acting on behalf of the College. At Regent College we value respect, honesty, compassion, responsibility and courage. Students have a responsibility to uphold the College's core values at all times.

CHILD SAFE COMMITMENT

The College is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well-being of all children and young people at the College. We are dedicated to protecting them from abuse and grooming by implementing robust policies and procedures to deter these behaviours and facilitate detection and reporting.

OUR VALUES

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

The whole College Community (students and parents) have a shared responsibility and an obligation to inform themselves of the College policies affecting them, such as the:

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

Students have the right to:

- Feel safe within the College
- Learn in challenging environment to the best of their ability
- Be treated with respect by other student and staff
- Be listened to

Students have the responsibility to:

- Accept and comply with College policies
- To uphold the College Values
- Behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves or others
- Respect the rights of others to be treated equitably, free from all forms of discrimination, bullying and harassment and abuse
- Act and work co-operatively with other students and teachers
- Respect the learning needs of all students
- Take progressive responsibility for their own learning, to work consistently and complete tasks as required
- Be punctual and regular in attendance
- Dress neatly and in accordance to the Uniform Policy

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACHES OF THE CODE

Behaviour contrary to the Student Code of Conduct detailed in the **Appropriate Behaviour Policy** 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 Code of Conduct students will 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 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. See below for definitions of these terms.

Child abuse:

1. Physical abuse occurs when a child is severely and/or persistently hurt or injured by an adult or a child's caregiver.
2. Sexual abuse, in relation to a child, includes sexual behaviour in circumstances where:
 - a) the child is the subject of bribery, coercion, a threat, exploitation or violence;
 - b) the child has less power than another person involved in the behaviour; or
 - c) there is a significant disparity in the developmental function or maturity of the child and another person involved in the behaviour.
3. Emotional abuse includes:
 - a) psychological abuse; and
 - b) being exposed to an act of family and domestic violence.
4. Neglect includes failure by a child's parents to provide, arrange or allow the provision of:
 - a) adequate care for the child; or
 - b) effective medical, therapeutic or remedial treatment for the child.

Corporal punishment:

Any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort, however light; typically involving hitting the child with the hand or with an implement; can also include, for example, forcing the child to stay in an uncomfortable position. It does not include the use of reasonable physical restraint to protect the child or others from harm.

Degrading punishment:

Any punishment which is incompatible with respect for human dignity, including corporal punishment and non-physical punishment which belittles, humiliates, denigrates, scapegoats, threatens, scares or ridicules the child

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.

REPORTING CONCERNS

If you are concerned about the health, safety and wellbeing of another student please talk to any staff member.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint, please talk to your teacher. If your teacher is unable to resolve your issue, then you may lodge a complaint with the College. We commit to dealing with this complaint according to our Complaints Handling Policy. The College will take what you have to say seriously and wants to help.

Related Polices and Documents

Student Code of Conduct Brochure

Appropriate Behaviour Policy

Complaints Handling Policy

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy

Cyber Safety Policy

Uniform Policy

Homework Policy

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