



Penrith Christian School

Strive for the Highest

Code of Conduct – Student

Policy and Procedure Management

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1. Context

At Penrith Christian School, we are passionate about caring for all members of our community. This passion is founded on the Biblical truth that we are each created uniquely in the image of God and acknowledges that students learn best when they feel safe, valued and well.

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.” We are each free to make personal choices in life and this verse teaches us about honouring God in all that we do and to seek the good of others. This is how students at PCS *Strive for the Highest*.

This Code of Conduct provides a framework for how we are to honour God in all that we do and seek the good of others we come into contact with as a student at Penrith Christian School.

2. Community Expectations

2.1. **At PCS, we Strive for the Highest in the way we treat others in our community**

Therefore, I will:

- i. Be caring, kind and respectful of others.
- ii. Respect the property and belongings that belong to me, my school and my peers.
- iii. Show empathy towards others and look for opportunities to serve where appropriate.
- iv. Use my words to encourage my peers, speak up if I see others being mistreated. I acknowledge that hate speech and discriminatory language are prohibited.
- v. Act in a safe and considerate manner. This includes the possession or use of prohibited items such as, but not limited to, tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, and weapons.
- vi. Prioritise relationships by not using screens in the playground.
- vii. Listen to and respect the opinions of others, understanding that every student has been made uniquely, will learn differently to me, and will have differing points of view.
- viii. Take responsibility when I have made a mistake and seek to make things right.

2.2. At PCS, we Strive for the Highest in the way we learn.

Therefore, I will:

- i. Embrace every learning opportunity and support the learning opportunities of my peers.
- ii. Follow the direction of the teachers and staff.
- iii. Be responsible with technology.
- iv. Work to the best of my ability, aiming for personal excellence.
- v. Complete all of my set tasks, including homework and assignments, as directed.
- vi. Be prepared for every class and arrive promptly.
- vii. Listen to my peers and work cooperatively with them.
- viii. Show integrity in my research and be prepared for my learning. This includes the use of Artificial Intelligence (A.I) and the internet, ensuring that the work I submit is my own.

2.3. At PCS, we Strive for the Highest in the way we represent our School.

Therefore, I will:

- i. Conduct myself in a way that honours the positive reputation of the school. This includes my conduct outside of school hours and when using social media and other technology platforms.
- ii. Show good sportsmanship, courtesy and respect to my team, other school communities and those in authority when in competition.
- iii. Wear my uniform correctly and with pride at all times. This includes when travelling to and from school on public transportation.

3. When things go wrong

3.1. Student response

I will:

- i. Report concerns immediately to a staff member; and
- ii. Be honest.

3.2. School's Response

The school will respond to breaches of the Student Code of Conduct by enacting the *Student Behaviour Management Policy and Guidelines*. This may include time out of class or playground, suspensions, and the termination of enrolment for serious or persistent breaches of the Code at the discretion of the Principal.

The school is committed to the process of procedural fairness as set out in the *Student Behaviour Management Policy*. If a member of the school community has reason to believe that the school has not acted with procedural fairness, they should follow the steps set out in the school's *Grievance Policy*.

4. Acknowledgement

I have read the guidelines above and understand the expectations of my behaviour as a valued member of the Penrith Christian School community.

I will commit to consistently *Strive for the Highest* in my behaviour, and if things go wrong, I will take responsibility for my actions and seek restoration where possible.

Student name: _____ Parent name: _____

Student signature: _____ Parent signature: _____