

Code of Conduct Required of Parents and Other Persons.

Parents are expected to:

1. Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
2. Keep clear of all buildings and entrances
3. Ensure their child/children are punctual to school
4. Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview
5. Leave the grounds when requested
6. Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference
7. Make complaints about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures
8. Request permission to attend the school when they have a lawful excuse
9. Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

This Code of Conduct is intended to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to behaviours that wound their feelings, arouse anger, resentment, disgust or outrage.

Any person contravening this Code of Conduct is advised that the provisions of the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments* will be followed given the following:

- Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities;
- Behaviour in a manner in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that causes alarm or concern to the students, staff, parents or other visitors;
- Use of offensive language (ie swearing) in the presence of students, staff or other visitors to the school;
- Any interruption to the learning environment of the school such as entering classrooms without permission;
- Persistent entry to the school site without permission or legitimate reason.

Any person contravening this Code of Conduct is advised that the provisions of the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments* may be enacted without any warning if there is cause to be alarmed or concerned by their behaviour. This will lead to banning from the school grounds and activities. Further action will include notification to the Police and the possible imposition of penalties, as outlined in the *Crimes Amendment (School Protection) Act*.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE CRIMES AMENDMENT (SCHOOL PROTECTION) ACT

The *Crimes Amendment (School Protection) Act* commenced on Monday 10 February, 2003. Parliament passed the law in December to reinforce the message to the community that schools are valued as special places and will be treated as such at law. Offences under the new Act are:

- (i) A person who assaults, stalks, harasses or intimidates staff or students on school property without causing bodily harm is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment applies.
- (ii) A person who assaults, stalks or harasses a member of staff or a student entering or leaving school property for the purposes of school work or duty is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment.
- (iii) A person who assaults staff or students on school property causing actual bodily harm is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment.
- (iv) A person wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm on a teacher or student on school property is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty of 12 years imprisonment. This same penalty applies if the wounding occurs whilst a staff member or student is entering or leaving school premises.

Incidents between students will be dealt with in accordance with existing school discipline and welfare policies.