



# Faith Lutheran College, Redlands

*Faith in Christ ... prepared for life.*

## CODE OF CONDUCT FLCR STUDENTS

Faith Lutheran College aims to provide a caring Christian community. Therefore, Christian beliefs govern its life and the behaviour of the total College community.

When a student is enrolled in Faith Lutheran College it is expected that responsibilities exist towards the total College community, and that safe behaviour and consideration of others is of paramount importance.

A Code of Conduct is required to assist students to meet the appropriate and positive standards of the College community.

### **What is Unacceptable Behaviour?**

Unacceptable behaviour is that which is beneath our expectations, which interferes with the rights of members of the College community, and others in the College environment.

When re-directing inappropriate behaviour, teachers choose strategies which range from those that are least intrusive to those that are most intrusive.

Unacceptable behaviour may be one of the following:

1. Behaviour that contradicts the underlying values of our College, including our commitment to uphold a gospel-based philosophy of love and forgiveness;
2. Behaviour that does not respect or understand the needs of self or others, thus affecting security, happiness and self-worth;
3. Behaviour that disturbs the learning environment and affects the rights of the student, and of others, to learn or teach;
4. Behaviour that puts the health or safety of the student, or others, at risk;
5. Behaviour that does not respect the College environment or the possessions of the people within it; and
6. Behaviour that damages our College's reputation.

### **1. Code of Manners**

- Respect of fellow community members (students, parents, teachers, coaches etc) is required at all times. Encouragement of others is therefore commendable. Put downs, fighting, teasing and bullying are forms of unacceptable behaviour at Faith.
- Respect of all staff. All College staff and relief teachers have authority to discipline students in keeping with this code.
- Good manners when addressing others is important e.g: when entering classrooms, no pushing in, addressing adults in a courteous way and listening silently when adults are speaking to them.
- Inappropriate body language is unacceptable.
- Obscene language, both written and verbal, is totally unacceptable and will be treated seriously.
- Punctuality. Students should arrive at College on time and be ready to commence when the bell rings. Students should move quietly to their classes and be lined up before the second bell rings at recess and lunchtime.

### **2. Code of Safety**

- Students must take care not to endanger themselves or others by their actions.
- Aggression towards others will be treated seriously.

- Students cannot enter classrooms unless a staff member is present.
- College property is to be respected, acts of vandalism and defacing of College equipment is unacceptable. Students will be required to make restitution.
- Games are to be played in the specified areas only.

Once students have been dismissed:

- bike riders and students walking home must leave for home immediately;
- students waiting for their parents or the bus will sit quietly in the appropriate area; and
- students will stand quietly beside their parents while being collected.

*Parents please note*

- *Parents are responsible at all times for any non-school aged children who accompany them into the College grounds*
- *Parents are expected to be prompt in picking up their children.*

### **3. Code of Work Habits**

Students are expected to complete all fairly assigned work, to the very best of their ability and in an acceptably neat and tidy manner.

### **4. Code of Communication**

Students will be urged to settle difficulties quickly, peacefully and in Christian love.

Teachers will aim to restore harmony for the benefit of students. When difficulties occur the student is to speak with a teacher or the teacher on duty. Retaliation will not be condoned or tolerated. Ask for further help from the other staff if necessary.

### **5. Code of Sportsmanship**

The formal rules of any game must be adhered to. The umpire's decision is final.

On and off ground behaviour must consistently uphold good sportsmanship e.g. hassling other team members or onlookers is unacceptable, and behaviour to and from events must be exemplary. All uniform requirements of sports must be adhered to.

### **6. Code of College Community Tidiness**

- Classroom, port racks and/or lockers are to be left tidy daily.
- When eating outside, students must sit in shaded areas and then place all rubbish and scraps in a bin.
- Littering in the College ground is to be viewed in the same manner as littering in the community i.e.: it is unacceptable.
- Food and drinks can be consumed in classrooms during lunchtime under supervision.

### **7. Uniform Code**

Students must wear correct College uniform as detailed in College publications .

### **8. Code for Extra-Curricular Activities**

Behaviour when travelling to and from, and during special activities e.g.: camps, excursions, sports days, special days etc, is to be exemplary. Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in the child being sent home at the parent's expense, banning from future activities, removal from the activity or other punishment as deemed appropriate by the Principal and teacher.

### **9. Co-Curricular Commitment**

Involvement in cultural and sporting groups in the College implies a commitment. Students will attend all practices and events related to that group, representing their home and school to the best of their ability.

## 10. Behaviour Code

This student Behaviour Code is a summary document.

- Students are expected to follow the spirit and not just the letter of our Code, so that in matters not specifically addressed by the Code, the key principles involved are also observed.
- Loyalty to a Christian lifestyle means that students will obey the Law. Consumption of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs will not occur.
- Students will not handle pornography or dangerous objects. Offensive acts and language will not be a part of community life. Senior students with vehicle licences will follow school guidelines.
- No student will leave either campus without clear permission to do so.

## 11. Use of Information Technologies

All use of Faith Lutheran College, Redlands computers must be in compliance with the ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

## 12. Social Conduct Code

It is expected that students and parents support fully the Social Conduct Code of the school in the best interests of the students' welfare.

## 13. Result of Misconduct or Disregarding the Code

Depending upon the type of misconduct, the action taken may or may not follow this sequence bearing in mind restoration and forgiveness must follow.

1. Immediate counselling by class teacher or other staff member.
2. Time out, detention, setting of tasks.
3. Further counselling by Senior Staff.
4. Communication with parents.
5. Completion of tasks in own time in the case of incomplete work.
6. Withdrawal of privileges.
7. Suspension for repeated disregard of the code.
8. Withdrawal of enrolment.

## Acknowledgement of Behaviour Policy

Full status enrolment in Faith Lutheran College acknowledges acceptance of the Faith Lutheran College Behaviour Code by students, parents and guardians.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

Families enrolled at the College are expected to understand, support and commit to the Faith Lutheran College Code of Conduct.

(Student Organiser 2016)