



BRIGHTON
SECONDARY COLLEGE

**STUDENT
CODE OF
CONDUCT
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BACKGROUND

The Student Code of Conduct has been developed to reflect the college's vision that "Brighton Secondary College is a place of opportunity where everybody collaborates with respect, compassion and integrity to achieve personal excellence".

This code should be read in conjunction with Department of Education and Training student code guidelines, the College rules, classroom rules and the College's related policies including but not limited to:

- [Attendance Policy](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Policy](#)
- [Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#)
- [Duty of Care Policy](#)
- [Inclusion and Diversity Policy](#)
- [Illicit Substances Policy](#)
- [Home Tasks and Study Policy](#)
- [Uniform Policy](#)
- [Statement of School Values Policy](#)
- [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)

RATIONALE:

The Code of Conduct aims to promote a harmonious environment where students, staff and parents cooperate to ensure the College's educational goals and student's academic and personal progress can be successfully met.

RIGHTS

STUDENTS

It is recognised that:

- students have a right to an education without interference or disruption from other students.
- all staff have a right to fulfil their duties and responsibilities without any undue stress or disruption.
- student members of the school community have the right to be treated with courtesy and understanding.
- students have the right to a safe, secure and clean learning environment; one that maintains positive relationships between all in the school community.
- students have the right to feel their property will be safe at all times.
- students have the right to work in a safe environment, where they are able to fully develop their abilities, interests and ambitions.
- every individual should be treated with consideration and respect.

PARENTS/CARERS

- parents have the right to expect that their children will be educated in a safe environment in which there is care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others.
- parents have an obligation to assist the College in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment by supporting the College in its implementation of this Student Code of Conduct and the Uniform Policy.
- on enrolment, students and parents/caters will enter into a written agreement in which they

recognise their obligation to uphold and support the Student Code of Conduct.

STAFF

- staff have the right to work and teach in a safe, orderly and co-operative environment.
- the Principal and all staff have an obligation to implement this Student Code of Conduct in a manner which is fair, logical and consistent.
- the lockers remain property of the College, and, as such, should be available for inspection at any time.
- in the interest of student safety, staff have the right to search a student's bag in the presence of the owner.

EXPECTATIONS

We recognise that in order to benefit from the opportunities offered by Brighton Secondary College and to make satisfactory progress, it is expected that every student will:

Show a positive attitude to personal excellence

- strive for personal excellence;
- present work neatly;
- strive to understand not just complete set tasks;
- wear the college uniform correctly and with pride.

Demonstrate preparedness for learning

- be punctual to class;
- have all the necessary equipment for the lesson;
- check BSC communication systems (Compass and email) every morning;
- be prepared to work hard to understand, pay attention, discuss, question and think.

Constructively participate in learning

- engage in lessons by working to know more and demonstrate more – every lesson, every day, every week;
- listen and follow teacher/staff instructions;
- complete set work in a timely manner;
- thoughtfully answer and pose relevant questions.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All Brighton Secondary College students are required to adhere to all college rules, expectations and policies:

- treat all staff and students with respect and follow all instructions given by staff without question or conflict; or any member of the school community
- not harass, bully, vilify, threaten, or verbally abuse staff or students; Allow other students to learn and teachers/staff to teach and work in an environment free from disruption;
- treat other students with respect regardless of their race, religion, sexual preference or gender;
- not to bring any illegal, illicit or forbidden items which can include but not limited to
 - alcohol
 - cigarettes
 - e-cigarettes

- non-personal medication to school or within school grounds;
- provide a note from a parent/doctor on return to school following an absence;
- attend and be punctual to all classes and activities;
- attend any school detention given;
- consult with a member of the welfare team if recommended;
- not use the school system, including emails, to circulate any derogatory or inappropriate content or messages;
- attend each day from the start of the school day to the end of school day, arriving at least 10 minutes before the start of the day to be organised for the first class;
- behave cooperatively and appropriately in class, in corridors, on school grounds and during external events or excursions. This includes damaging or removing school or another student's property, not littering and helping to maintain a clean and tidy school environment;
- wear only the approved Brighton Secondary College uniform when travelling to and from school, in school and during school events;
- understand that when wearing the school uniform students represent Brighton Secondary College and should conduct themselves in line with Student Code of Conduct;
- to accept the consequences of their behaviour.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The following is considered unacceptable behaviour breaches at school, whilst in school uniform at school events, activities, extra curriculum activities and camps, will be dealt with under the Student Code of Conduct:

- fighting, bullying (including cyber bullying), intimidation, harassment or religious vilification;
- inappropriate physical contact;
- use of discriminatory or offensive language, in person or through written or digital communication;
- smoking; and/or vaping
- consuming alcohol, unauthorised drugs or illegal substances on-site or in school uniform regardless of age;
- possession of alcohol, drugs, cigarettes including electronic cigarettes, matches and lighters;
- possession of weapons, spray paint, textas, permanent pens;
- vandalism to, or theft of property;
- inappropriate use of the college intranet, email systems, mobile phones or any electronic devices;
- deliberately accessing, displaying, downloading or sending unacceptable or illegal material eg. (racist, sexist, violent, anti-social, obscene or pornographic);
- discriminatory behaviour based on gender, religion, race, socio-economic status, class, age, cultural background or gender;
- inappropriate behaviour to or near members of the public.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Behaviour on public occasions and in public places such as camps, excursions and college functions should be such that it reflects credit on the college. This includes behaving in a courteous and orderly manner and obeying instructions promptly and without question. All expectations described above also apply to school activities conducted outside the college.

At all times students are to keep within the physical boundaries stated by the Staff Member in Charge or

Group Leader. With adventure or special activities, all guidelines are to be strictly observed.

In the event of serious misbehaviour, it will be at the discretion of the Staff in Charge to arrange for the student to be sent home after contact has been made with parent/guardian. Transport costs and associated expenses will be borne by the parent/guardian.

CONSEQUENCES

Brighton Secondary College in no way condones or uses corporal punishment as a consequence under any and all circumstances.

Behavioural expectations of students, staff and families are grounded in our school's Values. Student bullying behaviour will be responded to consistently with the school's Bullying Prevention policy.

When a student acts in breach of the behaviour standards of our school community, Brighton Secondary College will institute a staged response, consistent with the Department's Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidelines. Where appropriate, parents will be informed about the inappropriate behaviour and the disciplinary action taken by teachers and other school staff.

Disciplinary measures may be used as part of a staged response to inappropriate behaviour in combination with other engagement and support strategies to ensure that factors that may have contributed to the student's behaviour are identified and addressed. Disciplinary measures at our school will be applied fairly and consistently. Students will always be provided with an opportunity to be heard.

Disciplinary measures that may be applied include:

- warning a student that their behaviour is inappropriate
- teacher controlled consequences such as moving a student in a classroom or other reasonable and proportionate responses to misbehaviour
- withdrawal of privileges
- referral to the Student Manager
- restorative practices
- detentions
- behaviour reviews
- suspension
- expulsion

The Principal has the right to consider invoking a suspension at any stage of the procedure if the incident is considered serious enough.

Students must accept the consequences of their behaviour. Details of all relevant policies, rules and consequences are published on Compass, on the College website and in Student College Diaries



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