



Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve

Code of Conduct - Parents and Guardians

(Executive Summary)

Introduction

Parents and guardians are an indispensable part of a child's education. We recognise that parents and guardians are part of the School community and have a right to participate in their child's education.

In order to balance the rights of parents and guardians, students, teachers and staff, we expect parents/guardians to uphold a certain standard of behaviour.

This standard allows children to learn, teachers to teach, and other community members to participate in education, free from harassment, violence, intimidation and vilification.

Parents and guardians should set an example for their children, and the children of others. They have a shared responsibility with their children, other parents/guardians and the School to ensure that their children abide by the expectations set out in the student diary and encapsulated in the 'Pillars of Macarthur.'



Extra-Curricular and Sporting Events

We recognise that parents and guardians are often actively involved in the sporting and extra-curricular events of their children. We encourage parents to participate in such activities and to support their children, however we also make clear that we have high expectations of parents at these events and activities.

At these events, especially sporting events, parents are expected to:

- ✓ encourage (without forcing their child to participate)
- ✓ Never ridicule, berate, discourage or otherwise interfere with their child or another child
- ✓ Uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play
- ✓ Never yell, abuse or interfere with a sporting official, coach or teacher
- ✓ Never incite, encourage or commit acts of violence
- ✓ Never use foul or abusive language
- ✓ Never interfere in an activity

Dealing with the School

Parents and guardians are expected to deal with our teaching and non-teaching staff in a way that is courteous and respectful at all times. This includes dealings via electronic media.

Parents and guardians should only deal with teachers in accordance with our regular procedures so that teachers are able to discharge their duties without undue interference. Our regular procedures include:

- ✓ Entries in student diaries
- ✓ Telephone contact
- ✓ Pre-arranged appointments
- ✓ Parent-teacher interviews

Parents and guardians should not approach or interact with the children of other parents without their permission.

Parents and guardians must not denigrate or damage the reputation of the School or its staff by any means either in person or online.

School Policies

Parents and guardians should support their children so that they can comply with School policies and procedures. Most of the expectations and rules applicable to students are outlined in the Student Diary.

Parents and guardians, as members of the School community, are also expected to comply with School policies and reasonable directions, including those relating to health and safety and communications with the School.

Complaints and Feedback

Macarthur Anglican School has developed a complaints policy to ensure that all grievances and complaints are dealt with by the School in the appropriate manner.

Should a parent or guardian be unable to resolve an issue informally, they may lodge a complaint with the School. We commit to dealing with this complaint according to our Complaints and Grievances Policy (See our website for details).

Breach of the Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians are expected to follow this Code of Conduct and the Terms and Conditions of Enrolment (See our website for details). Serious breaches of the code or the Terms and Conditions of Enrolment may lead to the withdrawal of their child/ren from Macarthur Anglican School.

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