

SCHOOL RULES

It is a condition of the enrolment of the student at The Cathedral School that the parents, on their own behalf and on behalf of the student, are aware of the content of the school rules and have agreed to abide by them.

Adherence to these rules will help the School to run more efficiently and enable it to serve you better. Please take the time to read through these rules. A parent/guardian and the student are to sign in acceptance and understanding of the school rules.

Philosophy

- It is expected that students will be courteous and respectful at all times.
- It is expected that students will participate in school activities and commit themselves to training if selected for a team.

General

- The Cathedral School, through the Principal, retains the right to discipline, suspend or dismiss from the school any student on the grounds of the student's unsatisfactory conduct or performance or failure to observe any school rule. Students are regarded as being under school discipline when they are at school or any official school function (or when they are wearing the school uniform or part thereof). This includes school camps, outings and tours.
- No student may drink alcohol, smoke, gamble, or have dealings with illegal, non-prescribed or addictive drugs while under school discipline. These matters must be discussed in a mature manner and in an appropriate context (eg. Personal Development classes).
- No practice endangering life, limb or property will be tolerated. No student may bring onto the school premises any weapon, drug, explosive or dangerous substance, nor shall any student while under the school discipline be in possession of or throw any missile or article that could cause harm or discomfort to others.
- Students' persons, possessions, boarding areas, lockers, storage areas and bags may be searched at any time. The Head of School, plus a teacher and the relevant student, will be present at any such search.
- Physical contact between students is not permitted, with the exception of non-sustained spontaneous acts of affection.
- Any form of bullying and/or harassment is not permitted.
- The school uses Lunchtime, Friday and Saturday Detentions and Suspensions to enforce rules where appropriate.
- Students are not to order food to be delivered by external providers.

Attendance, absences, leave etc

- If a student is absent or late, or will need to leave for part of the day, a parent or guardian should notify the relevant School Office via note, email or phone call.
- Students leaving school with parent permission must sign out at the relevant School Office.
- Students are not to be present at school before 8.10am nor after 3.35pm unless attending the IRC or a recognised school activity. There is no staff supervision outside these hours.
- Any student who arrives late at school must report to the relevant School Office.
- No student may leave the school grounds between morning arrival and the afternoon dismissal of school without special permission from the relevant Head of School. No student will receive permission to go home for lunch.
- Students must attend all periods timetabled for them. Permission for absence from a period must be sought from the teacher concerned one day before the time of the period, and the relevant Head of School must be informed.
- All students must be at the appropriate class, Assembly, Chapel or any other school activity at the appointed time. Lateness to any class must be explained by a note from the relevant staff member.

Footwear:

- Students must wear appropriate footwear at all times.
- Leather school shoes are required for Science, Food & Textiles and Design & Technology.
- There are to be no thongs, even on wet weather days or casual dress days.

Wet Weather Exceptions:

- During persistent periods of heavy rain, students are permitted to wear older, closed-in shoes. Crocs or thongs are not permitted. Hats are not required.

Travel:

- Students may ride bicycles to school provided they wear protective headgear.
- Students are to walk their bicycles whilst inside the school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to ride motor-cycles or motorised scooters while travelling to or from school or any official school function. Skateboards and scooters are discouraged as there is no secure storage provided.

Student Drivers:

Students who drive a car to school must follow these rules:

- All laws must be obeyed.
- Permission forms must be signed by parents and handed in to the Senior School office.

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- Permission must be obtained for any passengers.
- Students must park in the designated parking areas.
- Students must obey other school rules, including leaving school in school uniform.

Care of Property:

Students should care for their own property and show respect for the property of others and of the school community as a whole.

- Books and tote trays (Junior School) must be kept clean and tidy. Lockers (Middle and Senior School) must be kept locked except when being accessed.
- Money or valuables should be securely stored or left with staff for safe-keeping. The school will not be held responsible for any money or valuables lost or stolen from the School property.
- School property must not be damaged, disfigured or removed. Any damage to school property must be reported immediately to the relevant Head of School.
- Students may not interfere in any way with property belonging to others.
- Electronic equipment may be brought to school at own risk.
- Chewing gum is banned from the school grounds.

Restricted Areas:

In the interests of safety and hygiene and to prevent damage to the building or interference with the rights of others, certain areas of the school have a restricted use.

- Students must not remain in a classroom unless a teacher is present.
- Students may not eat food or consume drinks in the Library, IRC, Lecture Theatre, Technology Centre, Rock Centre, on stairs, on walkways, in classrooms, in the Green Hall, in the Music area or in the swimming pool. The only exception is water in plastic drink bottles in classes in warm weather.
- There shall be no running, playing or noisy behaviour in corridors, walkways, classrooms or changing rooms.
- No games of any kind may be played in the changing rooms. During lunchtime, sports may be played only in the appropriate areas, including playgrounds, Rock Centre, oval and tennis courts.
- All Boarding Houses are out of bounds during the school day.
- The Maintenance Sheds, Outdoor Ed areas and the Rowing Shed are out of bounds, unless a staff member is present.
- The awning at the rear of the Art Block is out of bounds for all students, unless supervised by a teacher.

Student use of mobile telephones and electronic devices at The Cathedral School:

- As with any personal property, the school will not indemnify any student or family for any damage, theft or loss of a mobile telephone or electronic device (iPad, laptop, tablet) in any circumstances.
- On arrival to school, all student mobile telephones are to be switched off and stored securely in their locked locker.
- Between 8.35am and 3.10pm electronic devices are to be used for educational purposes at the direction of the teacher.
- Students wishing to use their electronic device to undertake schoolwork during break times will do so only in the Library or the designated lunchtime tutoring room.
- Students must abide by the Acceptable Usage Policy at all times (located on eCat).
- On excursions, the permission of the supervising member of staff should be sought before a mobile telephone is used.
- Mobile telephones are not to be taken on school camps. At any school function (ie concerts, carnivals, Chapel services, Presentation Ceremonies etc) all mobile telephones must be switched off and out of sight.
- Should a mobile telephone or any other technological device be misused, or cause distraction or nuisance to others, the school reserves the right to remove the item from the student. Their parent or guardian may collect the mobile telephone from the school at a time negotiated with the relevant Head of School.
- The guidelines for boarders and mobile phones are to be found in the Boarders' Booklet.
- There can be no photographing/videoing of any students/staff at any school event by students. The only exception is when it is part of curriculum requirements or when requested by a Head of School.

Student Acceptance of the School Rules:

I have read, understand and accept the School Rules.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Once signed by the student and their parent/guardian, their tutor (or teacher in the Junior School) will sign.

Tutor/Teacher Signature: _____