



St Mary's School Waverley

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JUNIOR SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Inherent in our Code of Conduct is the guideline from the Ministry of Education which states that “pupils have the duty/responsibility to learn and to develop their full potential, to participate in the learning process and to apply themselves with diligence, sincere effort and commitment”.

In the Junior School, pupils require the support of their parents or guardians in partnership with the school to meet these expectations.

Discipline is a process which takes time - there are no instant effects, especially with younger children. Discipline is part of children's life experiences and its effectiveness is influenced by children's relationships, interactions and experiences within the family, and by the wider context of families.

The Discipline and Guidance of Children: A Summary of Research
Children's Issues Centre, University of Otago, and Office of the
Children's Commissioner June 2004

1. St Mary's pupils should aim to live the school's values of love, community and integrity by:
 - 1.1 taking pride in their work and respecting work created by their peers; acting fairly and honestly
 - 1.2 showing respect by taking care of themselves, their peers and their school, which includes not engaging in acts of vandalism
 - 1.3 following rules, both in and outside the classroom
 - 1.4 showing respect for their own belongings and the belongings of others; refraining from handling or taking items which do not belong to them without permission
 - 1.5 wearing their uniform proudly and correctly according to school regulations
 - 1.6 acting in a spirit of kindness and compassion, with the intention not to cause harm to others; showing respect for difference
 - 1.7 taking instruction and guidance from their teachers and complying with sanctions imposed by the school

2. St Mary's believes in celebrating life and affording it as much value as possible.

2.1 To this end, each pupil agrees to adhere to the:

2.1.1 Anti-bullying Policy

2.1.2 Racism and unfair discrimination Policy

2.1.3 Information and Communication Technology Usage Policy

2.1.4 Social Media Policy

2.1.5 Prevention and Management of Substance Abuse Policy

2.2 By adhering to all policies listed in 2.1, each pupil acknowledges that the following are forbidden:

2.2.1 bullying, including cyber-bullying, and physicality that is not age appropriate

2.2.2 any form of unfair discrimination

2.2.3 the use of derogatory or degrading language

2.2.4 theft

2.2.5 sexualised behaviour (Grades 6 and 7 only)

2.2.6 drugs, or any substance abuse (including alcohol consumption, smoking and electronic nicotine delivery systems)

2.2.7 participating in illegal activities

2.2.8 any conduct contrary to the principles in 1. above

3. It is compulsory for St Mary's pupils to attend certain events and activities including, but not limited to, chapel, assembly, mentor time (where applicable), lessons and co-curricular activities. All compulsory events will be communicated ahead of time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ST MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

I (full name of pupil) _____ in Grade _____

and I (name of parent/guardian) _____

hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the contents of the St Mary's Junior School Code of Conduct and, in accepting a place for my daughter, I agree to abide by the above regulations and conditions.

Pupil's signature

Parent's/Guardian's signature

Date