



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT



Adventist Education
New South Wales

At Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NSW) we recognise that effective learning can only occur in a secure environment where the dignity, rights and responsibilities of others are known and respected and where standards and rules are fairly and consistently applied.

This Student Code of Conduct has been developed to clearly set out standards of behaviour with which students are expected to abide.

The School/College uses a variety of strategies to consult with students when considering the Student Code of Conduct. These may include surveys, discussion groups, consultation with the student representative body or other means.

Managing the Student Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility between students, parents/carers and the School/College. All students and families have ready access to support offered by teachers, Staff and School/College Child Safety Advocates.

Rights and Responsibilities of Students

Students are expected to uphold the principles of Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NSW). They are:



Excellence

in your schoolwork, extracurricular, sporting and other personal endeavours



Respect

for your teachers, parents, peers and other members of the School/College community



Courtesy

for everyone you interact with



Pride

in yourself, and the way you represent the School/College



Personal Responsibility

for your actions



Integrity

honesty and candour in all of your dealings



Sensitivity

avoid causing offence or hurt



Tolerance

for others, regardless of their background, age, race, gender, sexuality, religion or race



Inclusion

of all those who decide to come to Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NSW), and of those in the community

These values are to be upheld in the way you conduct yourself not only at the School/College, but also in the community. Students are expected to observe and uphold this statement of rights and responsibilities:



You have the **right** to:

- reach your full learning potential in a safe and supportive environment
- be safe
- be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness
- be an active part of and contribute positively to the community
- be treated fairly and justly
- have your human rights, and other legal rights respected.

You have the **responsibility** to:

- enable others to learn in a safe and supportive environment
- follow School/College policies, procedures and the directions of teachers at all times
- treat others with respect, courtesy and kindness
- represent the School/College well in the community
- accept and consider the consequences of your actions
- respect the human rights and legal rights of others.

Consequences for Breaching the Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to abide by School/College rules and the policies of the School/College, as well as the directions of teachers.

A breach of this Student Code of Conduct, School/College rules or policy will be dealt with according to our Student Discipline Policy.

Raising Concerns About Safety

Students are provided with information about and encouraged to use multiple pathways to report child safety incidents or raise concerns about or at the School/College, including concerns about the behaviour of other students. These include informal and formal ways, an 'anonymous' way, and external child advocacy or child safety organisations. For more information, refer to another public facing document called Child Safe Complaints Management.

If a student has concerns about their safety, or the behaviour of others, it's important that they tell a trusted adult. This could be a parent or carer, a trusted teacher or a School/College Child Safety Advocate.

OUR STAFF ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS FEEL EMPOWERED TO SPEAK UP AND BE HEARD AND WILL TAKE ALL CONCERNS RAISED BY STUDENTS SERIOUSLY AND ENSURE THAT THE STUDENT RECEIVES ONGOING SUPPORT.

