St Benedict's College
Code of Conduct for Parents

Statement

This Code of Conduct is designed to guide parents, guardians and caregivers in their dealings with staff, other parents, students and the wider College community. All staff and students at St Benedict's College are guided by similar codes. This Code of Conduct is written in line with the College's values and expectations. The Code of Conduct stands beside, but does not of course exclude or replace the rights and obligations of individuals under common law. It is also supported by State laws and regulations ensuring good order on school sites, Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Parent, Guardian or Caregiver Responsibilities:

1. Work in partnership with St Benedict's College by supporting your child/ren in all educational endeavours and follow the College's policies, as outlined on the College Website or Parent Portal
2. Support in words and actions the Catholic ethos and the core values of the Catholic Church, being respectful and caring in interactions with all members of the College community, and supporting the College in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment
3. Understand the importance of a healthy parent/teacher/child relationship and communicate any concerns to the College in a constructive and appropriate manner, demonstrating that parents and teachers work together for the benefit of the child/ren (and for complaints see the *BCE Student, Parent & Guardian Complaints Management*)
4. Listen to your child/ren, but remember that a different version of the event may be interpreted by others
5. Model resilience by encouraging healthy problem solving
6. Work in partnership with the College if your child's behaviour has overstepped accepted College standards, as outlined in St Benedict's College *Whole School Student Behavioural Support Plan*
7. Do not approach the children of other families or their parents with a school related or non-school issue. Such matters should be addressed to the College and not communicated to other persons
8. Maintain a positive and cooperative attitude and interact positively with other parents and members of the College community
9. Discourage gossip and hearsay and follow specified protocols for communication with staff and other members of the College community as per St Benedict's College *Communication Policy*
10. Value and advocate for St Benedict's College and its reputation, being mindful of the hurt and damage social media may cause to members of the College community
11. Do not smoke on College premises and within five metres from entrance/fence line, as per State of Queensland legislation. Never use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on College property
12. If carrying out a role in a volunteer capacity, follow the guidelines outlined in the Brisbane Catholic Education *Code of Conduct for Volunteers and Other Personnel* which is available on the College Website.

Parents, Guardians and Caregivers Can Expect:

1. To be treated with respect and courtesy by staff, students and other parents
2. To be listened to, and clearly communicated with by the College, in regard to your child's education and development, and to have a timely response to any concerns raised
3. To be treated in a professional and polite manner by all staff members, and to have confidentiality of sensitive issues respected by staff
4. To be welcomed into the College community for special events including religious, academic, sporting carnivals and cultural events.