

R-12 student code of conduct

This Code of Conduct is based on the school's values of Respect, Quality, Commitment and Diversity

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Context

- The Code's objective is the establishment and maintenance of a positive, safe learning environment which promotes and supports student responsibility and student learning. Students are responsible for their own behaviour and understand that behaviours, positive and negative, are a choice and lead to consequences.
- The Code recognises the unique nature of our student body, which consists of learners from all age groups, from a range of schools (each with their own Codes of Conduct) as well as learners from a wide variety of cultural, linguistic and educational backgrounds.
- The Code also recognises that all lessons are held after normal school hours across many different sites; and that in some sites teachers are supported by supervisors, in other sites teachers are supported by other teachers, and in a very small number of sites teachers may be working in isolation.

Underlying principles

- The Code of Conduct emphasises the right of teachers to teach and students to learn in a success oriented environment, which is safe and free of bullying, harassment and discrimination.
- We see it as our responsibility to work together with students to develop a sense of good behaviour, care for others, for the classroom, the environment and every one's safety.
- The classroom teacher is responsible in the first instance for dealing with behaviour management issues and the school provides appropriate support structures to the staff, students and parents/caregivers to resolve serious disruptive or uncooperative behaviour that disrupts learning.

Expectations of staff:

- Create a positive learning environment and ensure that the needs of all learners and staff are valued and respected
- Treat all members of the School of Languages community with respect and consideration to allow positive relationships to be built
- Ensure that all staff, students and parents/caregivers are familiar with this Code of Conduct
- Inform parents/caregivers and relevant staff about students' learning and behaviour
- Support students with positive strategies towards learning and their behaviour.

Expectations of parents/caregivers:

- Ensure that your child follows the expectations of students outlined in this Code of Conduct
- Develop and maintain contact with the school in relation to your child's learning and behaviour
- Encourage and support your child to make positive choices about their learning and behaviour
- Work with and support the school on behaviour issues.

Expectations of students:

These apply to all students, in all teaching centres before, during and after class (including recess).

Responsible, respectful and cooperative behaviour: respect for self and others

- respect the rights of others; and speak and listen respectfully
- be polite and always use good manners
- cooperate and follow instructions
- come to class appropriately dressed
- resolve conflicts appropriately
- keep our school free from violence, bullying and harassment (refer to the Harassment Policy and Grievance Procedures*)
- switch off or mute mobile phones and personal devices before storing them in school bags
- Secondary students only: use mobile phones and personal devices only for educational purposes as requested by the teacher, and during the break (refer to the Mobile Phone and Personal Devices Policy*)

Respect for property

- do not eat or drink in classrooms (with the exception of drinking water)
- wait outside the classroom until the teacher/supervisor arrives
- keep the school free from rubbish, graffiti, vandalism and theft
- leave rooms tidy (chairs and desks straight, rubbish in bins) at end of lessons
- do not interfere with equipment, or materials on display in classrooms
- treat grounds and car parks with respect and care

Safety considerations

- move safely in all areas of the school
- remain within supervised areas at all times
- notify the school of any perceived hazards
- always wait in a well-lit area before and after class
- advise teacher/supervisor if your ride home does not come as expected
- please notify the teacher/supervisor of any visitors to the school
- alcohol, drugs and non-prescribed medication are strictly prohibited (refer to the Drug Policy*)
- smoking is not allowed on any school premises
- weapons of any kind, including pocket knives, are not permitted on any school premises.

*These documents can be found on the school web site: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

