



Policies and Procedures

COLLEGE COMMUNITY CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS/GUARDIANS/VISITORS

Purpose

Southern Vales Christian College is committed to maintaining a supportive and respectful learning environment which is safe and positive for all students, staff and the College community. The College Community Code of Conduct outlines the conduct that is expected of all parents and visitors to Southern Vales Christian College.

The College sees parents as the primary educators of their child and looks to partner with parents in the education of students within its care. The purpose of this partnership is to create a safe learning environment that promotes the College's values of belonging, serving and growing.

Application

This Code of Conduct applies to all parents and visitors to Southern Vales Christian College. The Code of Conduct is not limited to the College or College hours. The Code of Conduct is relevant to all College-related activities and events, including to people representing the College at a location other than the College.

Definition

'Parent' or 'visitor' includes any adult visiting the College who is not a current employee, student, contractor, or volunteer.

Expected conduct:

Southern Vales Christian College has an expectation that all parents and visitors will:

- Engage in behaviour that is appropriate and upholds the College's core values and beliefs;
- Follow the College's health and safety rules; and
- Adhere to relevant College policies and procedures.

Behaviours That Will Not Be Tolerated

Parents, guardians, and visitors must refrain from conduct that undermines the safety, respect, and wellbeing of the College community. The following behaviours will not be tolerated:

- Aggressive, abusive, or threatening language (spoken, written, or online) directed towards staff, students, or other parents.
- Physical intimidation, violence, or any act that endangers the safety of others.
- Public criticism of staff, students, or the College in ways that damage trust, relationships, or the College's reputation.
- Inappropriate or disruptive behaviour at school events, including sporting fixtures, performances, or assemblies.
- Failure to follow reasonable directions given by College staff (including during emergencies).
- Consumption of, or being under the influence of, alcohol or illegal substances while on College grounds or at College events.
- Repeatedly raising concerns or grievances in a disrespectful, confrontational, or unconstructive manner.
- Any behaviour that undermines the College's Christian ethos and core values of belonging, serving, and growing.



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When visiting Southern Vales Christian College:

It is expected that visitors of the College will:

- Follow the College's sign-in/sign-out process when visiting the College during College hours, as this ensures College staff are aware of all people on-site in case of emergency; and
- Model and promote respectful and inclusive behaviour, attitudes and communication;
- Work collaboratively with the College to resolve concerns when incidents occur; and
- Adhere to the school's policies and procedures.
- Comply with safety and emergency procedures, including following all instructions given by College staff.

Social media:

Regarding social media use:

- Photos, videos or information containing or relating to any student, staff member or other parent should not be posted unless permission of the student's parent or guardian, or the relevant staff member, has been obtained; and
- Written permission from the Principal is required prior to the creation of social media pages about or in the name of the College.
- Parents may not make social media posts that bring the College's reputation into disrepute.

Sporting events:

Regardless of whether sporting events are held at Southern Vales Christian College or another location, it is expected that:

- Good sportsmanship is encouraged at all times; and
- Appropriate behaviour is demonstrated by all spectators.

Breach of this Code of Conduct

While the College would be reluctant to adopt sanctions against parents, guardians and other members of the College community, significant breaches of this Code of Conduct may potentially result in the following consequences:

- An immediate ban from the College for up to 48 hours;
- A warning letter may be issued;
- A barring notice may be implemented to bar entry to the College for a period of up to 3 months; or Student enrolment may be terminated due to parent conduct.
- Other actions as deemed necessary by the Principal.



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Legislative Context

Education and Children's Services Act 2019 (SA)

Summary Offences Act 1953 (SA)

Relevant Related College Policies and Procedures

Code of Conduct (Staff)

Code of Conduct (Students)

Harassment and Bullying Policy

Volunteer Information Booklet

Grievance & Concerns Policy

Critical Incident/ Emergency Management Policy

Positive Behaviour Policy

Privacy Policy

Sexual Harassment Policy

Duty of Care

Medication Policy

Risk Management Policy

Drug Policy

Acceptable Use of Information & Communication Technology (Student) Policy

Acceptable Use of Information & Communication Technology (Staff) Policy

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