

# Code of Expectations

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## **RATIONAL:**

The Warrnambool College vision embodies our identity, values and mission. It underpins and inspires our teaching and learning program, and it includes all members of our learning community. As a result of this vision, we believe that the rights and responsibilities across all members of our school community need to be addressed to ensure student success. We believe both teachers and parents lead by example and thus, are included in this policy.

## **AIM:**

The aim of this code is to ensure that the school is a safe and pleasant environment in which learning takes place and the property and reputation of the school is protected and students develop self-discipline and consideration for others.

While this policy is primarily concerned with rights and responsibilities of staff, student and parents, it is recognised that student conduct is also influenced by other aspects of the school program, such as the quality and appropriateness of curriculum, opportunities provided for student leadership, the positive reinforcement given to students and the availability of welfare services.

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

### **Principals and staff have a responsibility to:**

- Implement Warrnambool College policies fairly, reasonably and consistently

### **Teachers should expect to:**

- Be treated with common courtesy by the students,
- Have students come to class properly prepared and willing to listen to, and carry out reasonable directions from the teacher,
- Have the co-operation and support of colleagues and the school administration,
- Have the co-operation and support of parents/guardians.

### **Teachers have a responsibility to:**

- Provide an appropriate range of learning strategies,
- Follow the agreed policies and procedures of the school regarding student management,
- Communicate with parents/guardians on matters relating to the educational development and behaviour of their students,
- Treat all students with consistency and fairness,
- Be prepared for class,
- Communicate professionally with parents when appropriate,
- Support and co-operate with one another,
- Place all common assessments and learning tasks on Compass,
- Return all common assessment tasks within two weeks of due date, with marks and comments posted on Compass.

### **Students should expect to:**

- Make the most of their educational opportunities,
- Learn without interruption or distraction from others,
- Be shown respect, concern and interest from their teachers,

- Feel safe from discrimination, harassment or indoctrination,
- Have on-going communication about their progress.

**Students have a responsibility to:**

- Attend school regularly and punctually,
- Demonstrate persistence and resilience when learning in class,
- Respect the rights of others to learn,
- Respect their peers and teachers regardless of race, religion or gender,
- Respect the property and equipment of the school and others,
- Observe and follow the policies and codes of conduct of the school,
- Regularly access Compass to submit work and access resources.

**Parents/Guardians should expect to:**

- Have their student interact and learn in a secure environment,
- Be informed of matters regarding their student and other school-related issues,
- Be consulted and informed of progress and other issues involving their student.

**Parents/Guardians have a responsibility to:**

- Work co-operatively with the school to solve problems,
- Provide support for teachers in implementing the school policies,
- Communicate relevant information and concerns to the school,
- Communicate respectfully (including use of language and tone) with teachers and school staff when discussing matters pertaining to their student
  - If parents / guardians cannot adhere to this expectation on a consistent basis, external authorities may need to become involved and the school may need to explicitly specify specific methods of communication that will be used between home and school in the future
- Encourage their student's punctual and regular attendance at school,
- Show an interest in their student's school work, progress and home-study program,
- Access Compass regularly.