

Student Code of Conduct Policy

The following rights and responsibilities underpin the College Student Management Policy.

- All students have the right to learn.
- All students have the right to feel comfortable and safe, and the responsibility to contribute to the comfort and safety of others.
- All students have a responsibility to develop empathy for the wellbeing of others

Yarra Hills Secondary College aims to maintain basic rights for all members of the school community. In order to have these rights, all school community members must be committed to accepting the responsibilities them. Key responsibilities for students are to:

- Accept responsibility for their own actions
- Behave in a way that creates a good learning environment
- Demonstrate behaviour consistent with school rules
- Behave in a way that ensures the safety of all
- Treat school property and other's property with care
- Be respectful and polite to all members of the school community

The school rules that flow from these responsibilities seek to help our students to develop responsibility and self-discipline and to protect the rights of others regardless of gender, ethnic origin, religion or disability.

People

- To be polite and courteous at all times and to all people
- Not to be involved in harassment or bullying of others
- Not to be involved in, or encourage others in fighting
- Avoid being involved in anti-social and dangerous behaviour
- Not swearing at other students, teachers or others
- Complying with teacher instructions at all times

Property

- Not to be involved in the theft of other people's property
- Not deliberately damage other people's belongings
- Not graffiti or vandalise school buildings or equipment
- Use rubbish bins to avoid littering school buildings or grounds

Regulation and Community Expectation

- Arrive at school on time and be punctual to class
- Follow classroom management rules in all classes
- Remain under school supervision during school hours and not be in an out of bounds areas without permission from a teacher
- Not to possess or smoke cigarettes and not to use or possess alcohol or illegal substances and paraphernalia at school, on excursions or on school camps
- Wear the school uniform or other clothing described in the school's uniform policy and Sunsmart policy

Consequences for Behaviour

Depending on the nature and seriousness of the behaviour resulting in a breach of these rules, any of the following consequences may result:

- Apology for actions taken
- Clean up graffiti
- Repairing damage done
- Yard Duty
- Lunchtime or after school detentions
- Confiscation of items
- Loss of privileges; eg: access to computer network
- Removal from class*
- Parent/Coordinator/Principal Conference
- Internal Suspension
- External Suspension
- Expulsion from the College

In addition to the range of consequences listed above, counselling will form a significant component of the action taken by the Student Management and Welfare Teams.

*Removal from Class

If a student's behaviour in class is unacceptable, the student will be given the opportunity to change this behaviour via a warning. If he or she chooses to continue with this poor behaviour, the student will be moved to another seat where possible and warned again about changing the behaviour. If the poor behaviour still continues then the student will be removed from class, where he or she will report to the Coordinator. The relevant teacher will contact parents to discuss the issue. Students are expected to renegotiate their way back into the class by discussing the matter with the relevant teacher in their own time before the next timetabled class. If the student accumulates 3 removals from class within a term, this will result in an internal suspension.

Detention

Individual teachers may run their own detentions and Coordinator lunchtime detentions are issued for lateness and uniform offences.

Mobile Phones/iPods etc

All students have the right to learn in an uninterrupted environment just as teachers have the right to teach free from interruptions.

Mobile phones must be turned off or put on silent and not seen throughout the school day including recess and lunchtime. If mobiles are seen or heard, they will be confiscated and students may collect these from the office at the end of the school day. Repeat offenders will face consequences and parents notified. Occasionally mobile phones are used in the context of the lesson. This is only when Staff have given permission to do so. If a parent/guardian needs to contact a student during the school day, please contact the office and a message will be passed on.

iPods are unnecessary at school as they can be a distraction, a temptation for others and can be easily broken, therefore should not be brought to school.