

Student Code of Conduct

Clonard College is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is positive, safe and supportive for all students.

It is the intention of Clonard College to provide clear guidelines to all students regarding the conduct expected of them whilst at the College, engaging in school related activities or representing the College. Students are expected to uphold the College's core values at all times.

The College uses a system of demerits and commendations to assist in monitoring student's behaviour. Students and parents can access up to date information using the behaviour tracking option on SIMON and the PAM module.

Application

This Code applies to all Clonard College students. The application of this Code is not limited to the College site and College hours. It extends to all activities and events that are school - related and when representing or acting on behalf of the College. The Code also requires that student actions do not bring the College into disrepute at any time regardless of whether the action occurs within or outside of College activities.

Conduct and Bearing of All Students

It is expected that every student will:

- uphold the College's core values at all times;
- behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves or others;
- abide by all health and safety rules and procedures operating within the College and other locations at which the students may visit;
- ensure that their actions do not bring the College into disrepute;
- uphold the reputation of the College by observing an appropriate standard of behaviour in transit to and from the College and when wearing school uniform;
- respect the authority of members of staff and observe College rules as required;
- strictly adhere to the College's policies and procedures as required;
- be respectful and supportive of the College's beliefs and values;
- behave with courtesy and consideration for others. In particular, students must refrain from all forms of bullying and harassment. See also: Anti-bullying Policy – Students on the College Website;
- refrain from behaviour which would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students;
- refrain from activities, conduct or communication that would reasonably be seen to undermine the reputation of the College, employees or students of the school (including activities on social media);
- respect College property and the property of staff, contractors, visitors and other students;
- be punctual and attend all classes;
- remain on the College grounds during the College day unless otherwise approved by the applicable Wellbeing and Community Leader;
- complete work set by teachers promptly and to the best of their ability and to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered at the College;

- dress neatly and with due regard for health, hygiene and safety in accordance with the College's uniform requirements;
- not possess or smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes, possess or use or be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health, at the College, on College excursions, in transit between College and home or otherwise while wearing the College uniform;
- share in the responsibility of cleaning classrooms and the yard;
- place bags, books and other personal belongings in the lockers provided and ensure it is locked to ensure the safety of these valuable

Unacceptable Conduct

Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- touching, handling, pushing or otherwise physically or sexually engaging with students or others in a manner which is not appropriate and may endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of that person;
- any form of physical or verbal violence including fighting, assault or threats of violence;
- any form of cyber bullying or cyber abuse,
- sending inappropriate, offensive or explicit text messages, photos or videos;
- language or conduct which is likely to offend, harass, bully or unfairly discriminate against any student, teacher, contractor or visitor;
- theft, fraud or misuse of College resources;
- the use of inappropriate or profane words or gestures and images;
- unacceptable class attendance levels (see student attendance procedures)
- smoking or consuming alcohol or illicit drugs at the College, on College excursions, in transit between the College and home or otherwise while wearing the College uniform;
- attending College, social, sporting or other functions as a representative of the College whilst under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health.

Reporting

It is expected that all students will report any cases to their wellbeing teacher or a Wellbeing and Community Leader (in confidence) of unlawful behaviour or behaviour in breach of this conduct which may have been observed or reported to them.

Breach of code of conduct

Students who breach the Code of Conduct may be sanctioned by the observing teacher, Wellbeing Teacher or Wellbeing and Community Leader as deemed appropriate given the nature of breach and the age of the student.

Students who continue to breach the Code will be interviewed by the applicable Wellbeing and Community Leader and Assistant Principal (Wellbeing). Appropriate action, which may include behavioural contracts, detention, mediation or suspension, is at the discretion of the Assistant Principal (Wellbeing).

The Assistant Principal (Wellbeing) may refer the matter to the Principal, who has full discretion to take action including suspension or expulsion in line with the College's Policies and Procedures.

In accordance with applicable legislation and the School's Child Protection Policy, the Police and/or Department of Human and Health Services will be informed of any unlawful breaches of this Code.

Related Policies and Procedures

- Child Protection Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy – Students
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Safe School Environment and Student ICT Responsible Use Agreement