



# RIVERMOUNT COLLEGE

*Realising the Potential Within*

## 5.01.01 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

### PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purpose of this Policy is to outline what is required of all students with regards the Code of Behaviour which forms an integral part of the Educational Philosophy and Pastoral Care Program of Rivermount College.

### SCOPE

All students of Rivermount College

### RESPONSIBILITY

Principal reporting to the Board of Directors

### LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES

### POLICY

Rivermount College is a school community where learning takes place in a co-operative Christian environment which fosters the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional growth of each individual student.

It is, therefore, most important that every parent, student and teacher associated with the College appreciates the importance of co-operating in a Christian community with a common concern for the wellbeing of all, and for the promotion of Christian standards in morals and behaviour.

To achieve this aim the Code of Behaviour forms an integral part of the Educational Philosophy and Pastoral Care Program of Rivermount College.

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## ***Co-Operation and Responsibility***

The College expects each student to co-operate fully by taking the responsibility for his or her own progress through diligent preparation for, and participation in, all classes he or she attends.

This requires showing concern for the needs of others to pursue their studies without interference, behaving appropriately at College, both in and outside the classroom, and respecting the authority of all teachers and other members of staff.

## ***Personal Appearance and Uniform***

The College requires the uniform to be worn to all College functions and sporting fixtures unless the students are otherwise directed. The uniform must be clean and in good repair at all times. Students are expected to wear the appropriate hat to and from the College and when out of class students must take personal responsibility for appropriate sun protection, e.g. use of sunscreen lotions.

Tattoos (permanent or temporary) and body piercing are not acceptable.

### **Boys**

The College requires boys hair to be trimmed **conservatively** at reasonably frequent intervals so that it does not grow below or onto the collar. Hair should be trimmed above the ear. Only conservative styling is acceptable. Boys must be clean shaven and without sideburns.

### **Girls**

The College expects girls hair to be tidy, tied back from the face and conservatively styled. Only plain College colour (gold, green or blue) hair ties are permitted.

Dyed hair or make-up, including nail polish and false nails, is not allowed.

Plain sleepers or studs are allowed for girls and must be worn in the lowest earlobe hole. No other jewellery is to be worn apart from watches.

Students who fail to comply with these standards will be directed to have corrective measures taken before being permitted to attend classes. These measures may include a corrective haircut, the stripping of hair colour, or the purchasing of a College hair tie. This process may be costly, and often inconveniences parents who may be required to leave a workplace to attend to necessary hairdressing requirements.

## ***Personal Conduct***

It is essential that students develop respect for themselves as individuals and as students of the College. The College therefore requires students to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will enhance their reputation and that of others at the College. Offensive behaviour including bullying, the use of bad language, smoking, use of alcohol or illegal drugs, gambling, stealing or causing injury to another, will not be tolerated. Breaking the law may result in offenders being asked to leave the College.

## ***Respect for Property***

Since real concern for others shows itself in the proper and thoughtful treatment of their property, students are expected to gain permission to use other people's property. This

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applies regardless of whether the property belongs to an individual, the College or the community. All items of clothing must be named. Students must not bring to College, valuable items, other than those required for academic and co-curricular activities.

### **Participation**

The College offers a wide range of courses, cultural activities and sporting pursuits. Students are obviously unable to participate in all of these activities but they should take part in as many as possible and they should encourage the involvement of their peers. Students are expected to attend the major annual events of the College, e.g. Speech and Prize Giving Night, Foundation Day and Open Day.

### **Commitment**

When a student joins a College team, group or society, he or she must accept all the commitments involved in that membership. All students are expected to take part in inter-school sporting competitions and attend all team-training sessions outside class hours. An irresponsible attitude only shows lack of respect for others involved.

### **Attendance**

The College expects students to recognise that there are certain legal responsibilities involved in their attendance at the College. In particular, a student may not leave the grounds for any purpose during the College day without obtaining special leave from the Principal or from those to whom he delegates his authority.

Except in the case of illness, a student must be in attendance on all days, on which the College is open; unless leave of absence has been requested in writing and permission granted in advance, by the Principal. When a student is absent, the Student Welfare must be notified by 8.30 am on the morning of the absence either by phone or email.

Students, who are late to College in the morning, must report to Student Welfare to obtain a 'late slip', which is presented to their teacher. Under no circumstances is a student to be admitted to class without their late slip.

### **Guiding Principles**

In matters which are not specifically covered by the above Code of Behaviour or any other College regulation, students of the College will observe the principles contained above regarding the dignity of others, the respect for others and for their property and of mutual co-operation within the College community.

*It is anticipated that the Code of Behaviour may be subject to improved changes from time to time.*

**Please note that Students and Parents are required to sign the Code of Behaviour in the Student Handbook indicating support.**

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