



Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to nurture positive social behaviours. It outlines expected student behaviour when on the SIDE campus, moving to and from school, travelling on public and contract transport services, and when attending school functions, etc.

Students are expected to:

- Be punctual and prepared for each class with an awareness of specific needs for different classes.
- Follow the directions and instructions of all school staff (teaching and non-teaching).
- Be considerate of the safety and welfare of themselves and others.
- Contribute positively to the learning environment by working responsibly, not distracting other students, completing assignments and submitting them on time.
- Show respect and courtesy to all members of the school community.
- Respect personal and community property.
- Show pride in the achievements of themselves and their school.
- Be well-groomed and dressed appropriately. (See the SIDE School [Dress Code](#).)
- Adhere to all campus and classroom rules.

Bullying and harassment

Bullying is a wilful or conscious pattern of behaviour, over time, by one person, or group, towards another designed to threaten, frighten, hurt, injure, embarrass or upset that person.

Our school community will not tolerate bullying or harassment. Respect for others is expected.

We all have the right to feel safe at all times.

Every member of our school has the responsibility to show regard and tolerance towards others, and behave in a way that respects the rights of others.

What bullying and harassment looks like

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| • physical aggression – deliberately punching, hitting, kicking, bumping | • sexual or sex-based harassment |
| • “put-down” comments or insults | • racism |
| • name-calling or teasing | • intolerance of religious beliefs and cultural practices |
| • damage to property | • extortion – demanding money or favours |
| • deliberate exclusion from activities | • stealing |
| • setting up humiliating experiences | • uploading or sharing of unkind or embarrassing messages or images on social media platforms. |
| • the sending of nasty notes, phone or text messages | |
| • spreading rumours | |

Some strategies if you feel you’re being bullied

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| • Tell the bully to stop or firmly ignore their behaviour and walk away. | • Share feelings with others, including family and friends. They can help you make a decision. |
| • Remain calm. If the bully is not encouraged they may stop. | • Discuss concerns with class teachers, student coordinators and school psychologists, or other staff members. |
| • Talk about it. Bullying thrives on silence. | |

SIDE staff are firmly committed to preventing acts of bullying. Nothing is so awful that it can’t be talked about to someone.