



Parent Code of Conduct



Introduction

At St Patrick's College Strathfield, we are committed to nurturing respectful relationships and active partnerships with you as parents. We believe that our students' learning journeys are enriched through positive and reciprocal home and College relationships.

As parents, you act as one of the most influential role models in your child's life. We therefore seek your support in promoting and upholding the core values of the College community and its culture of respectful relationships.

This Code of Conduct is intended to guide you in your dealings with staff, other parents, students and the wider College community. It articulates the school's key expectations of both staff and parents regarding respectful relationships and behaviours. It also specifies the College's position regarding unacceptable behaviours that breach our culture of respect.

The Parent Code of Conduct is to be read in conjunction with the following policies and procedures (which are available on the College website):

- x St Patrick's College Enrolment Policy and Procedures
- x St Patrick's College Conditions of Enrolment
- x St Patrick's College Complaints Handling Guide
- x Edmund Rice Australia Child Protection Policy
- x Edmund Rice Australia Child Safe Code of Conduct
- x Independent Sporting Association Code of Conduct
- x Codes of Behaviour for School Sport

Our Culture of Respectful Relationships

Among students, staff and parents we strive to develop the following:

- x a respect for the innate dignity and worth of every person
- x an ability to understand the situation of others
- x a cooperative attitude in working with others
- x open, positive and honest communication
- x the ability to work respectfully with other people
- x trusting other/child relationships and strive to build the

ies, as outlined on the school website



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Raising Concerns and Resolving Conflict

(Refer to the St Patrick's College Complaints Handling Guide)

In raising concerns on behalf of your son, or making a complaint about the College's practices or treatment of your child, we expect that you will:

- x listen to your son, but remember that a different 'reality' may exist elsewhere;
- x observe the College's stated procedures for raising and resolving a grievance/complaint;
- x follow specified protocol for communication with staff members, including making appointments at a mutually convenient time and communicating your concerns in a constructive manner;
- x refrain from approaching another student while in the care of the school to discuss or chastise them because of actions towards your son