

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

Aranmore Catholic College is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students of the College.

PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct for Students provides behavioural expectations for students whilst at the College, engaging in College-related activities or representing the College. Students are expected to uphold the College's core values of Faith, Compassion, Justice and Mercy.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Students are expected to:

- Be respectful and supportive of the College's beliefs, values and ethos.
- Be considerate of the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves and others.
- Abide by all health and safety rules and procedures operating within the College and at other locations which students may visit.
- Ensure that their actions do not bring the College into disrepute.
- Refrain from behaviour which would not uphold the reputation of the College, including when on the sports field, travelling to and from the College and when wearing the College uniform.
- Be well groomed, dressed appropriately and act with due regard for health, hygiene and safety.
- Respect the authority of members of staff and observe College rules.
- Strictly adhere to the College's policies, procedures and rules.
- Refrain from all forms of bullying and harassment.
- Refrain from behaviour which would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students.

- Respect College property and the property of staff, contractors, visitors and other students.
- Be punctual, attend all classes and complete work promptly and to the best of their ability.
- Not possess or smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes, possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs or other substances harmful to their health whilst at the College, on College excursions, in transit between the College and home, or otherwise while wearing the College uniform.
- Conduct themselves in the appropriate manner while engaged in religious worship.

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 others.
- Any form of physical or verbal violence including fighting, assault or threats of violence.
- Any form of cyber bullying or cyber abuse, sending/sharing inappropriate, offensive or explicit text messages, photos or videos.
- Gambling of any form (both online gambling and in person) during College time, whilst undertaking College activities, whilst wearing the College uniform, or through College IT infrastructure.
- Language or conduct which is likely to offend, harass, bully or unfairly discriminate against any student, teacher, contractor, visitor or any member of the public.
- Theft, fraud or misuse of other's personal property or College resources.
- The use of blasphemy, disrespectful or profane words or gestures and images.
- Unacceptable class absenteeism, without informed reasonable and justifiable cause.
- 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 the 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 BEHAVIOUR

Students are encouraged to report any case of unacceptable behaviour, or behaviour in breach of this Code of Conduct, to a teacher or member of staff. Reporting can be by verbal, written or electronic means and will be kept confidential wherever possible. Reporting these behaviours allows our College to maintain its beliefs, values and ethos.

BREACH

Students who breach the Student Code may incur repercussions or support deemed appropriate given the age of the student, nature and frequency of the breach, as outlined in the College's student handbook. These may include Yard Duty, after-school Detention or Saturday Detention. For more severe behaviours, temporary or permanent exclusion from the College may be implemented. A strong emphasis will be placed on supporting students through Pastoral Care, to seek to correct inappropriate behaviours, emotional guidance and implementing strategies to prevent similar breaches from occurring.

Students, parents/guardians will be given the opportunity to discuss any proposed outcome.

In accordance with applicable legislation and the School's Code of Conduct, the Police and/or Department for Child Protection and Family Support, will be informed of any unlawful breaches of this Student Code, where required and/or deemed appropriate.