

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and Students

We base our rules on a model that recognises and accepts the idea that people have rights and, therefore, they also have associated responsibilities.

Five rights and associated responsibilities are recognised and established:

Rights

1. Everyone has a right to feel proud of the school, themselves and his/her faith.
2. Everyone has a right to participate in the decision-making processes within the school.
3. Everyone has a right to an education free from disruption and intimidation.
4. Everyone has a right to feel safe and to enjoy a clean environment.
5. Everyone has a right to be treated courteously and respectfully.

Responsibilities

1. To recognise our own dignity as a person created in the image and likeness of God and act accordingly.
2. To recognise this same dignity in others and show this by the respect, consideration and courtesy we extend to others.
3. To uphold the traditions and honour the spirit of the school.
4. To listen to others and to share ownership of the decisions made by the school community.
5. To act in a manner that promotes a positive learning environment.
6. To act in a manner that ensures the safety of self and others, and to work towards maintaining a clean school environment.
7. To appreciate the efforts made on our behalf and express our gratitude in loyalty and co-operation.

COURTESY AND GENERAL CONDUCT

A number of regulations have evolved in order to contribute to the development of a sense of community, harmony and efficient conduct of the College as an educational institution. They are based on courtesy, commonsense and consideration of others.

Courtesy and friendly behaviour is expected at all times. Lack of good manners indicates a lack of self-discipline and a lack of respect for the rights and dignity of others.

These regulations apply to all students whilst on or off the campus in College uniform, and while attending a College function.

1. All members of the school community should be addressed in a polite and respectful manner.
2. When appropriate, students must stand when a visitor enters the room.
3. Physical or verbal abuse including the use of inappropriate language, should never occur at John Paul College and will not be tolerated.
4. Running on verandas and walkways, rough or unsafe behaviour is not permitted.
5. The sale, purchase or consumption of alcohol, tobacco or any other illegal drugs or substances is absolutely forbidden.
6. There is to be no physical contact between students. No hitting, punching, pushing etc.
7. Physical displays of affection are inappropriate.
8. Pedestrians must use the designated access gates and avoid vehicle driveways.

Hair Styles

Hair must be ***one natural colour only***. Hair that is unnatural in colour, two toned or features streaks or foils is not permitted at school and may result in the student being sent home until the natural colour is restored.

For reasons of safety, fringes are to be kept short and/or off the face.

Hair **below the collar** should be gathered at the back or tied up with all hair secured by an elastic or similar tie of College colours. No other adornments are acceptable. Shaved hair, fads and extreme haircuts are unsuitable for school. Shaved hair is any haircut less than a No.3 haircut.

The Principal and his/her Deputy reserve the right to determine the suitability of hairstyles and colours.

Students shall be clean shaven. Facial hair is unacceptable for school.

Make-Up and Nail Varnish

Students are not permitted to wear make-up and any coloured nail varnish. Any student who ignores this request will be required to remove all make-up. Persistent offenders may receive more stringent consequences.

