



## **Safeguarding Children and Young People: Student Code of Conduct for St. Robert's School**

St. Robert's strives to provide a safe school where all children can learn to the best of their ability. St. Robert's encourages students to be self-managing, courteous, responsible and compassionate in the way they behave at school.

### **Purpose**

This 'Student Code of Conduct' is one of the ways we protect children and young people at St. Robert's School from unsafe and unpleasant behaviours, including all forms of bullying and rough behaviour. It is important to us that it reflect the teachings of Jesus.

All students at St. Robert's are expected to show respect for the dignity of others, and demonstrate Gospel values of love, care for others, honesty and justice. Students at our school are encouraged to follow the expectations for appropriate behaviour, as noted below.

### **Acceptable behaviours**

- Always following the safety rules of our school
- Being polite towards others, always using good manners when at school
- Being kind and helpful towards others, making sure everyone is included in games and activities
- Trying always to make 'good choices' in the way we treat each other
- Being willing to accept others, regardless of differences in the way they may look or speak or dress
- Being ready to learn about new things, 'have a go' at new ideas and suggestions, and be willing to teach others
- Being ready to listen to others, respectful of different ideas and opinions
- Treating personal belongings and school property in a responsible and careful way
- Always using personal and school devices, and appropriate social media platforms, in a respectful and lawful manner
- Being reverent when we pray or worship together
- Being always ready to forgive one another when things go wrong
- Being welcoming to anyone who is new to our school community, both students and adults

## **Unacceptable behaviours**

- Any form of bullying, whether physical, verbal, online, talking behind backs, or excluding people from games and activities
- Any rude, disrespectful or uncooperative behaviour in the classroom, for any teacher or visiting adult
- Any sort of dishonest or unfair behaviour
- Any rough behaviour that is mean or harmful to others, including pushing, punching, pinching, biting, hitting, kicking, etc.
- Any type of teasing that hurts another person's feelings
- Any unsafe behaviour in the classroom or playground, eg. picking up sticks and stones, playing with scissors, tackling in a game of football
- Any type of 'put-down' that hurts someone's feelings, embarrasses them, or makes them feel bad about themselves
- Any type of swearing, rude or inappropriate language
- Any comment that is disrespectful of the opinions or ideas of another person
- Any type of action that damages or destroys personal belongings or school property, including stealing
- Any inappropriate use of a personal device or social media platform, including posting inappropriate or disrespectful comments or information, or posting another person's photograph without permission
- Any silly or inappropriate behaviour in the student toilets that impacts on privacy or safety, or causes damage to property.

This code of conduct was composed by an 'Action Team' composed of representatives from the students, staff and Advisory Board of St. Robert's school. It will be reviewed and updated as part of the school's improvement cycle. (Next review: 2019) The 'Student Code of Conduct' will be displayed in all classrooms, as well as in prominent, public positions, and disseminated to all staff, and families. A copy of the Student Code of Conduct will be placed on the school's website, and will be included in enrolment information.