



St James Student Code of Conduct

June 2018

Rationale

The St James community believes that this school should be a happy and safe learning environment which meets the needs of students at all levels of their primary school life. The Code of Conduct is **consistent with Department of Education guidelines and regulations.** Our policy is based on rights, rules, and responsibilities of all students attending St James.

Purpose

A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable, and accepted. Active and engaged students are aware of their rights, but more importantly, they accept responsibility for protecting their rights and the rights of others.

This Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at St James School against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, school policies/procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and personnel.

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and board/school council members at St James School are expected to actively contribute to a school culture that respects the dignity of its members and affirms the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice. They are required to observe child-safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, as noted below.

Student Code of Conduct:

- Be Confident
- Listen
- Respect
- Safe Choices
- Look after one another

Dear Students,

The best way to ensure that St James continues to be a happy and successful school is to make sure that all our students feel safe and happy. Every now and again it is a good idea to take the time to think about the really important things in life and realise the crucial role that each of us has in determining the culture at St James.

As a student at Wattle Park Primary School you have certain rights that need to be upheld – rights that ensure you are seen as an individual and that your side of the story is always heard. As a very important member of the school community you also have certain responsibilities. These responsibilities really help make St James a fantastic school. Like all organisations St James also needs to have rules – rules that are fair, understood and followed. As a student at St James it is your responsibility to follow these rules – not because you will get into trouble if you don't but because you understand the importance of these rules in keeping everyone safe and happy. I enjoy coming to St James each day. I need your help to make sure our school is a happy and safe place for everyone. Please read this booklet very carefully with your parents. Think about the three R's – Rights, Responsibilities and Rules and help me make each year at school very, very happy and successful for all our students.

When you have read and discussed this booklet please sign and return it to school within the next few days.

Warm Regards



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