



St Mary's College

Parent Code of Conduct

1. Introduction

St Mary's College is a community that strives to live out the Gospel values Jesus gave us, within the Mercy Tradition. Our motto, 'Faithful to God and integrity', speaks to the heart of all we do and informs our vision to provide quality, holistic education in a caring Catholic Christian community. We value open, respectful and honest communication, which fosters a cooperative and positive attitude in working with others.

We celebrate and acknowledge parents and caregivers and the formative role they play in the development of their child's sense of justice, equity and worth. Parents are one of the most influential role models for a child's life. Together we strive to build a harmonious St Mary's College community where students can flourish.

The Code of Conduct applies to all parents, volunteers and visitors who interact with our College and its community members. It also applies to all parents, volunteers and visitors who are present at the College and College-sponsored activities/meetings/functions within and outside of school hours. As parents, volunteers and visitors there is an expectation of support for the [Vision and Mission of Catholic education in Brisbane Catholic Education](#). This Code of Conduct seeks to support parents, caregivers and the College as they work together for the girls of St Mary's College.

2. Purpose

The Parent Code of Conduct is designed to guide parents and caregivers in their dealings with staff, other parents, students and the wider College community. It aims to support the resolution of issues which arise in our school context.

3. Responsibilities of Parents and Caregivers:

- a. Support your children in all educational endeavors by giving praise and showing interest in their academic, spiritual and cocurricular pursuits
- b. Support the College in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment
- c. Demonstrate that both parents and teachers work in partnership for the benefit of the children

- d. Adhere to the College policies, as documented on the College Portal and College Website and endeavor to support them at home. <https://stmarys.qld.edu.au/about-us/strategic-direction/school-policies/>
- e. Cooperate with the College when your child's behaviour has breached accepted College standards, as outlined in Behaviour Support Plan. <https://stmarys.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Behaviour-Support-Plan.pdf>
- f. Understand the importance of a healthy parent/teacher/child relationship and communicate any concerns to the College in a constructive and appropriate manner
- g. Listen to your children, but remember that events may be interpreted differently by others
- h. Follow specified protocols for communication with staff members as set out in the College's Communication Policy <https://stmarys.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Communication-Policy.pdf>
- i. Maintain a positive and cooperative attitude and interact positively and communicate respectfully with other parents, students, staff and members of the College community
- j. Value and respect the College community and its reputation especially when engaging with social media

4. Rights of Parent and Caregiver:

- a. To be treated with respect and courtesy by staff, students and other parents
- b. To be listened to, and clearly communicated with, by the College Staff
- c. To have timely response or feedback to concerns raised
- d. To have matters treated with confidentiality and professionalism by staff

Any breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the College Principal, or delegate, in the first instance and appropriate authorities will be contacted if necessary.

Footnote:

The Code of Conduct stands beside but does not exclude or replace the rights and obligations of individuals under common law. It is also supported by State laws and regulations ensuring good order on school sites *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*. All Catholic Schools and Colleges are private property owned by the Trust Corporation for the Archdiocese of Brisbane.