



St Mark's Student Code of Conduct

St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College

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1. RATIONALE

“To Live is Christ” is our motto

1.1 The student code of conduct guides students in appropriate and expected behaviour to be fundamentally like Christ. Our students are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and adopt restorative justice practices to strengthen their relationships.

The distinctive, sincere and continuous practice of Christian love, service and humility provides students with the opportunity to develop and display a high moral standard.

Our students are challenged to strive to achieve excellence and success in all areas of the curriculum by attaining their full potential, having confidence in who they are as Christian individuals and becoming active participants in both Church and the Australian communities

1.2 St Mark’s Coptic Orthodox College is committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

2. Student Expectation

- 2.1 Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- 2.2 Follow student code of conduct and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- 2.3 Strive for the highest standards in learning
- 2.4 Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- 2.5 Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- 2.6 Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
- 2.7 Attend school every day (unless legally excused or medically recommended)
- 2.8 Respect all property
- 2.9 Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- 2.10 Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

The College can take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

2 Student Code of Conduct includes: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing, safety and Coptic Orthodox Christian Values is a high priority for our College. We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

2.1 Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the College uniform dress code
- Take care with property

3 Safety

- Model and follow Student of conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour
- Mobile phones or similar devices are not permitted to be used while on school premises. Students are required to deliver the phone/similar device to the school office or personal lockers for safe keeping.

4 Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally or medically excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The student code of conduct is summarised in the acronym **STUDENTS**

Seek Wisdom

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just (Psalm 37:30)

Talk Truth

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)

Understand choices have consequences

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body,
according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10)*

Demonstrates respect

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers and fear God (1 Peter 2:17)

Endurance and hard working

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phillipans 4:13)

Negotiate peaceful resolutions

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9)

Trusts in God and Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ([Philippians 4:6](#))

Service

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister (Hebrews 6:10)

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The Discipline Policy and Welfare Policy are available on our College web page at <https://www.stmarks.nsw.edu.au/> and work in conjunction with the student Code of Conduct.