

Student Code of Conduct

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KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

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The school intends to provide an environment which nurtures individuality and encourages freedom of expression; personal growth and self-confidence. The extent of that freedom is defined by the Student Code of Conduct and the responsibility is placed on the student to enjoy the freedom within the parameters of this Code. The Code's primary objective is to outline the positive behaviours that we expect all students to exhibit to support a positive environment for both learning and for social interaction.

The code is a partnership between the school and its students. This Code is applicable whilst students are on school premises, at school functions, travelling to and from school, on trips or on any occasion where they are identifiable as students of the school.

The Code is to be read in conjunction with other policies and should be considered from the perspective of the core values and ethos of the school. By accepting a place and/or renewing enrolment at the school, students and their parents confirm that they have accepted and are bound by this Code, school rules, policies and practices, and that they wholeheartedly support the core values and ethos of the school. At school, the Code is readily available to students via handbooks and displays.

The Student Code of Conduct can be summarised as follows:

- We expect students to behave in a manner which is conducive to a positive environment for both learning and for social interaction.
- Rules and behaviour agreements are based on respect for all others and their property, and on ensuring that the school maintains an excellent reputation in the community.
- Everyone has a right to feel secure in an environment which enables learning and to be treated with respect. Harassment and bullying will not be tolerated. The school is committed to promoting equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or learning needs.
- We expect students to be ready to learn and to participate in school activities. Students should attend school and all lessons punctually.
- We expect students to show respect for the rights of others, including each other's possessions and the school's property. We expect students to behave in a manner that reflects the best interests of the whole community.
- We expect students to behave with academic integrity.
- We expect students to treat all members of the school community with respect and courtesy and to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of school life.

To help every student live up to the Code of Conduct, the school has created a set of Student Commitments, written as simple "I will..." statements.

King's College School - Student Commitments

1. I will behave in a way that helps everyone learn and work well together.
2. I will respect other people, their things, and help King's keep its good name.
3. I will make sure everyone feels safe and included. I will not bully or be unkind, and I will treat everyone fairly.
4. I will be ready to learn, be on time, and take part in lessons and activities.
5. I will look after school property and respect what belongs to others.
6. I will act in ways that are good for the whole school community.
7. I will be honest in my work and always try my best.
8. I will treat everyone with respect and courtesy, and take on challenges positively.

It is the responsibility of parents to support the school in enforcing the Code. Parents who enrol their child at the school undertake to uphold the school's policies and regulations. They will support the school's values in matters such as attendance and punctuality, behaviour, dress and appearance, standards of academic work, academic integrity, extra-curricular activities, homework, and private study.

Each year upon re enrolment parents agree to the terms and conditions, one of which is a continual agreement to the Student Code of Conduct and Parent Code of Conduct.

The school has several support systems in place to meet the needs of all students. These include Form/Class Tutors, meeting with the Year Coordinator or Head of Section/School, support offered by the school doctor and the school referred counselling service.

In the event of any serious inappropriate behaviours, the school will liaise closely with parents and, if relevant, other statutory and support agencies.