



## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

### **Background**

This Code of Conduct is made available to the School's parents and students at the commencement of their enrolment and underpins the enrolment process. The Code defines behavioural expectations for students and parents. This Code is intended to apply to all members of the Korowal School community.

By signing the enrolment contract with the School, the expectation is that you have read and agree to the following:

- to conduct yourself in a manner that upholds the ethos and reputation of the School;
- not to engage in any behaviour that negatively impacts on the School
- to comply with the School's policies and procedures
- to ensure that all communications and actions are underpinned by genuine collaboration, respect and the best interests of all students, which includes maintaining confidentiality regarding any matters being dealt with by the School on behalf of students and/or parents and
- to be accountable for your actions and decisions.

### ***Respect for people***

Open, respectful and collaborative relationships inform all our decisions at Korowal and as such we remind all stakeholders that it is important to treat all staff, students and parents with respect. Rude or insulting behaviour, including verbal and non-verbal aggression, relational aggression, abusive, threatening, intimidating or derogatory language and physical abuse or intimidation towards any members of the school community is unacceptable. You must not use information and communication technologies, such as email, mobile phones, text or instant messaging, blogs, social media sites and other websites to engage in this type of behaviour. We acknowledge that at times there may be grievances and for this purpose we have a Complaints and Grievances Policy.

### ***Electronic Communication***

Korowal embraces the use of electronic communication eg emails, website and NOTICeBOARD, It is expected that students, families and carers will use electronic communication respectfully. This includes the timing, length and tone of emails. We acknowledge that electronic communication is often open to miscommunication and for this reason request that emails are used to arrange meetings so that face-to-face communication is possible. Conversations and/or discussions of a sensitive nature will not be conducted via email.

### ***General***

This Code is not intended to be contractual in nature and does not impose any contractual obligations on the School. The School reserves the right at its sole discretion to vary or cancel this Code at any time.

## **Code of Conduct Policy**

The School has in place a Code of Conduct for staff and a Code of Conduct for students and parents, both of which may be supplemented from time to time by specific rules and directives. These Codes include such matters as:

- the rights and responsibilities of staff, parents and students within the School community;
- appropriate behaviour, consistent with the values of the School;
- the role of the student leadership system and the monitoring of that system; and
- the management and reporting of serious incidents.

### **For Parents and Students Acting in a Supervisory Capacity**

The School is committed to the achievement of the highest standards of education in which the security, protection and comfort of students and staff retains the highest priority. The following guidelines are issued for all staff, responsible in any way for the conduct of educational activities at Korowal School.

Corporal punishment is unacceptable and is not tolerated at Korowal School. Violence (physical or verbal) is an inappropriate behaviour management strategy at the School. It is unacceptable for an adult or student acting in a supervisory capacity to touch a student “in anger”. Similarly, it is inappropriate for an adult or student acting in a supervisory capacity to shout in anger at a student in an excessive or violent manner.

These guidelines remain subject to all current Child Protection Legislation.

### **Code of Conduct for Students**

This code of conduct is discussed with each class and is expected to be upheld by all students. It forms the core for all personal development work with our students.

#### *Wording for K-6*

Look after yourself.  
Look after other people.  
Look after your property.  
Look after other people’s property.  
Look after the environment.  
Above all: Be kind please

#### *Wording for 7 - Pathways*

Respect yourself.  
Respect other people.  
Respect your property.  
Respect other people’s property.  
Respect the environment.  
Above all: be kind please

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