

Overport Primary School

Parent Community Code of Conduct

POLICY

Rationale:

All students, parents, teachers and staff have the right to be safe, and feel safe, in their school community. The School Community Code of Conduct sets clear standards of behaviour, which are expected of members of the School Community. It specifies the consequences for any member of the School Community who does not comply with those standards of behaviour, whether those persons are on the School's property, in transit or at another location for the purpose of any School-authorised events or activities.

Aims:

- The purpose of this policy is to define expectations of acceptable behaviour for members of the community when interacting with each other in the school environment or when attending any official, social or sporting functions in any location where the school is represented.
- We define our community as the immediate and extended families of children attending the school and friends of the school including local residents, businesses, and organizations, the staff, past students and other schools.

Implementation:

It is expected that all community members will:

- Uphold and abide by the policies and demands of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)
- Support the Principal and staff in the development and implementation of school policies
- Treat all members of the School Community with respect and abide by the school values
- Show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others
- Respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions- regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability
- Use non-violent means to resolve any conflict. Insults, disrespect, and other hurtful acts disrupt learning and teaching in the school community, and are a direct contradiction to the school values and will not be tolerated
- Speak to the principal or class teacher if they have concerns about other children and not approach other children or families directly when concerned about playground or classroom issues

3.2 Breach of this Code of Conduct

The consequences to a member of the School Community for breaching this Code of Conduct will be as determined at the Principal's discretion. These consequences include any one or more of the following:

- The School may ban any member of the School Community from attending at any activity.
- The School may ban any member of the School Community from being on the School grounds in general.
- The School may direct that any parent may only communicate with members of teaching staff through a nominated school representative.
- In the case of extreme or prolonged breach of this Code of Conduct by a parent, the school will take direction from the Department's Legal Branch
- The School may take such other steps at their discretion that are determined appropriate according to the nature of the breach.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed with whole staff, student, parent and community input as part of the school's five-year review cycle

References: Schools Policy & Advisory Guide <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/spag.aspx>
Policy and Guides Addressing parents concerns
http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/commrel/contacts/POLICY_AND_GUIDES_Addressing_parents_concerns.pdf

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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