

Student Child Safe Code of Conduct



Introduction

At Ascham School we recognise that effective learning can only occur in a secure environment where the dignity, rights and responsibilities of others are known and respected and where standards and rules are fairly and consistently applied.

This Student Child Safe Code of Conduct has been developed to clearly set out standards of behaviour related to child protection that students are expected to abide.

The School uses a variety of strategies to consult with students when considering the Student Child Safe Code of Conduct. These may include surveys, discussion groups, consultation with the student representative body or other means.

Source of Obligation

Standard 2 of the NSW Child Safe Standards and Principle 2 of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations require the School to ensure that children and young people are made aware of their rights, including their right to be safe from harm, and that they are provided with age-appropriate information about safe and respectful peer relationships.

Roles and Responsibilities

Managing the Student Child Safe Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility between students, parents/carers and the School. All students and families have ready access to support offered by teachers, Staff and School Child Protection Officers.

Ascham's School Values

The Student Code of Conduct is based on the School's values. Our values are:

- Respect and Kindness — treat others as you wish to be treated. Display warmth friendliness and generosity.
- Collaboration and Community — be both leaders and team players. Understand that the world is interdependent and seek to help others.
- Courage and Resilience — step forward to support what you believe is right. Treat setbacks as opportunities to learn and move forward.
- Acceptance and Responsibility — celebrate diversity and provide an environment that is supportive and inclusive. Own your own actions and recognise their potential influence.
- Ambition — show enthusiasm and appreciate challenge by setting goals.

These values are to be upheld in the way you conduct yourself not only in the School, but also the community.

Students' Rights

Students have the right to:

- Reach your full learning potential in a safe and supportive environment
- Be safe
- Be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness
- Be treated as an individual whose views and opinions are valued
- Be an active part of, and contribute positively to the community
- Be treated fairly and justly
- Live in safety, free from the fear of bullying and other anti-social behaviour
- Have your human rights, and other legal rights respected

Students Responsibilities

DO:

- Uphold the School's values in the way you conduct yourself at the School and in the community
- Enable others to learn in a safe and supportive environment
- Follow School policies, procedures and the directions of teachers at all times
- Treat others with respect, courtesy and kindness
- Listen to others openly and carefully and to value their opinion even if you don't agree with it
- Represent the School well in the community
- Accept and consider the consequences of your actions
- Respect the human rights and legal rights of others
- Treat everyone fairly and kindly

DO NOT:

- Engage in conduct that would be considered bullying or harassment

For more information, refer to School Rules, Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy & Procedures, Social Media Policy and Harassment Policy (Student Against Student).

Consequences of Breaching the Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to observe and uphold the above rights and responsibilities.

Students are also expected to abide by School rules and the policies of the School, as well as the directions of teachers.

A breach of this Student Code of Conduct, School rules or policy will be dealt with according to our Discipline Policy.

Raising Concerns About Safety

If a student has concerns about their safety, or the behaviour of others, it's important that they tell a trusted adult. This could be a parent or carer, a trusted teacher or a School Child Protection Officer.

Our Child Protection Officers are:

- Deputy Head of School
- Deputy Head of Junior School
- Head of Counselling

The School provides all students with information about and encourages them to use multiple pathways to raise child safety concerns about or at the School, including concerns about the behaviour of other students. These include informal and formal ways, and through external child advocacy or child safety organisations.

A child-friendly version of our Child Safe Complaints Management policy, which explains these different pathways, is available on the Student Hub.

Our Staff are committed to ensuring that all students feel empowered to speak up and be heard and will take all concerns raised by students seriously and ensure that the student receives ongoing support.