

St Oliver Plunkett Primary School

Student Code of Conduct



Dear Students,

The best way to ensure that St Oliver Plunkett Primary School continues to be a happy and safe and successful school is to make sure that all our students feel safe and happy. Every now and again it is a good idea to take the time to think about the really important things in life and realise the crucial role that each of us has in determining the culture at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School.

As a student at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School you have certain rights that need to be upheld – rights that ensure you are seen as an individual and that your side of the story is always heard.

As a very important member of our school community you also have certain responsibilities. These responsibilities really help make St Oliver Plunkett Primary School a fantastic school.

Like all schools, St Oliver Plunkett Primary School also needs to have rules – rules that are fair, understood and followed. As a student at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, it is your responsibility to follow these rules – not because you will get into trouble if you don't but because you understand the importance of these rules in keeping everyone safe and happy.

I enjoy coming to St Oliver Plunkett Primary School each day. I need your help to make sure our school is a happy and safe place for everyone.

Please read this conduct very carefully with your parents. Think about our school rules and help me make each year at school very, very happy and successful for all our students.

When you have read and discussed the code of conduct, please sign and return it to school within the next few days.

Warm Regards,

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St Oliver Plunkett Primary School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS).

Central to the mission of St Oliver Plunkett Primary School is an explicit commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment where the emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual and physical wellbeing of our students is a priority. All students enrolled at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School have the right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our priority, and we do not and will not tolerate child abuse. We aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment where children are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety.

Purpose

St Oliver Plunkett is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students of the School. It is the intention of St Oliver Plunkett Primary School to provide clear guidelines to all students regarding the conduct expected of them whilst at School, engaging in School related activities or representing the School. Students are expected to uphold the School's rules and values at all times.

Application

This Code applies to all St Oliver Plunkett Primary School students. The application of this Code is not limited to the School site and School hours. It extends to all activities and events that are school-related and when representing or acting on behalf of the School, including without limitation at all times when wearing the school uniform.

Basic principles

This Code of Conduct is based on the following Principles that everyone at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School:

- has the right to be safe
- has the right to be treated with respect and be valued even in diversity
- has the right to participate within a secure environment without interference, intimidation, harassment, bullying or discrimination
- is encouraged to be respectful, polite, courteous and considerate of others
- has the right to be supported and challenged as ongoing learners.

Expected Conduct and Bearing of all Students principles

It is expected that every student will:

- uphold the school's core values at all times
- behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves or others
- abide by all health and safety rules and procedures operating within the school and other locations at which the students may visit
- ensure that their actions do not bring the school into disrepute
- respect the authority of members of staff and observe school rules and teacher directions as required
- strictly adhere to the Student ICT Responsible Use Agreement
- be respectful and supportive of the school's beliefs and values
- behave with courtesy and consideration for others
- refrain from all forms of bullying, harassment, racial vilification and discrimination of any nature

- report any behaviour of other students that is harmful to other students, or to the teachers or school
- support other students, or seek help for other students who need assistance or are in a vulnerable situation
- refrain from behaviour which would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students
- respect school property and the property of staff, contractors, visitors and other students
- be punctual and attend all classes
- remain in the school grounds during the school day unless otherwise approved by the principal
- complete work set by teachers promptly and to the best of their ability and to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered at the school
- dress neatly and with due regard for health, hygiene and safety in accordance with the school's uniform requirements.

Unacceptable conduct

Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- touching, handling, pushing or otherwise physically or sexually engaging with students or others in a manner which is not appropriate and may endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of that person
- any form of physical or verbal violence (including fighting, assault or threats of violence, bullying, name calling, racial discrimination or discrimination on grounds of disability, appearance or religion)
- any form of cyberbullying or cyber abuse
- theft or misuse of property belonging to other students or the school
- Sending inappropriate, offensive or explicit text messages, photos or videos
- language or conduct which is likely to offend, harass, bully or unfairly discriminate against any student, teacher, contractor or visitor
- the use of inappropriate or profane words or gestures and images
- unacceptable class attendance levels
- being uncooperative with teachers during class or school activities and generally disrupting planned activities.

Breach of Student Code of Conduct

Students who breach this code of conduct may be sanctioned by the class teacher or school principal as deemed appropriate given the nature of breach and the age of the student.

In cases of serious and/or persistent breaches of the student code of conduct, the [St Oliver Plunkett Student Behaviour Policy](#) outlines the consequences for student misbehaviour and the management of suspension and expulsion if matters come to those extremes.

NAME OF STUDENT		DATE
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN		DATE