



# Clayfield College

*Let your light shine*

## Code of Behaviour

1. It is the responsibility of schools to expect and encourage good manners established at home. Clayfield College is a helpful and cooperative community in which students are encouraged to develop sensitivity to the needs of others and to treat each other with dignity and respect.
2. Adults should be addressed with respect. Formal titles should be used unless students are specifically invited to use personal or nicknames.
3. People with special responsibilities should be aided, not impeded, in their tasks (e.g. train ticket inspectors, College leaders, school office bearers, office staff and auxiliary volunteers) by young people.
4. There should be no use of foul language or verbal insults in College life. It is important to use restraint and learn to select appropriate language in a variety of situations.
5. Students should use discretion and consideration in talking about others. Gossip is often very destructive.
6. Loud or noisy talk should not occur in public places, trains, shopping centres, etc. Nor should rough movement, pushing or carelessness in relation to others occur.
7. Students should stand back in favour of adults, especially older people, mothers with young children or physically handicapped people wherever there are crowds, corridors, doorways, etc.
8. Students attending Clayfield College should not attend parties or functions where drugs, alcohol or cigarettes are likely to be pressed upon them.
9. Smoking and drinking: any student who uses tobacco and/or alcohol while enrolled at the school, or makes such material available for use by other Clayfield College students, may be suspended or expelled.
10. Illegal drugs: the possession and/or use of certain illicit drugs is a criminal offence. Students proven to have been personally involved with these drugs may be expelled. This type of behaviour is against stated College policy and acceptance by parents and students of the College's attitude to smoking, drinking and use of illegal drugs is a prerequisite for enrolment.
11. Students need to find a balance among the following:
  - family life
  - studies
  - Church and cultural activities
  - other co-curricular activities
  - social life and entertainment with peers.
12. Students should not make commitments to which they cannot adhere. A student who accepts membership of a College team, club or activity also accepts the commitments involved in that membership, e.g. attendance at training. In social and work situations, as well as at the College, students should honour commitments and attend activities punctually.
13. All students from Years 7 to 12 must participate in at least one co-curricular activity provided at the College each semester.
14. All students are expected to attend, even if only as spectators, the major annual events of College life, e.g. Speech Night and Open Day, and other functions held from time to time. Selected Year Levels from 7 to 12 will attend QGSSSA Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics.
15. The concession rates extended to students for trains, buses and ferries are accompanied by specific expectations. College students should never occupy seats while adults are standing and should take care that their bags are not in any other person's way. They should be quiet and considerate in their behaviour.
16. On College excursions students should obey all regulations and instructions. They should be cheerful, cooperative and helpful in group activities.
17. Students can make positive contributions to the social environment by expressing thanks or making requests politely and by offering help to others when appropriate.
18. Mistreatment of property reveals a lack of concern for the owner of that property, whether the owner is an individual, the College, or the community.
19. All students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning and to work diligently, participate fully and prepare carefully for all classes. Irresponsible behaviour at the College or defiance of the authority of a staff member is not acceptable.
20. Students must take pride in their appearance and to this end their uniforms are expected to be kept clean and in good repair. All students are required to wear correct College uniform to all College functions and for sporting fixtures.
21. In situations not directly covered by this Code of Behaviour, students are expected to exercise good judgement and concern for safety. At all times, students must show respect for the dignity of others, maintain a pride in their College and ensure that its fine reputation is never tarnished.

NOTE: Being enrolled at Clayfield College implies acceptance of the above Code of Behaviour