



ROSTREVOR
COLLEGE

Student Code of Conduct



HIS ROSTREVOR

College Vision

In a community where boys thrive, Rostrevor inspires its students to achieve their personal best in all endeavours and to become men for others who make a positive difference in the world.



Liberating Education

Our Mission

Inspired by the Good News of Jesus Christ, Rostrevor provides an excellent Catholic education for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition. Operating at the frontiers of contemporary educational practice, our approach is grounded in four Touchstones:

- Liberating Education
- Gospel Spirituality
- Inclusive Community
- Justice and Solidarity



Gospel Spirituality



Inclusive Community



Justice & Solidarity





Palma Merenti

'The rewards to those who earn them'

Is a powerful statement of our belief in having high expectations of every boy and our insistence that they apply themselves diligently to all aspects of their involvement at Rostrevor.

The Purpose

To provide a transparent and reliable guide for the boys entrusted to our care. We believe that boys thrive when they know what is expected of them and are able to clarify the boundaries of behavioural norms that apply in various settings during their time at Rostrevor College.

Safe in the knowledge of what is expected of them and others, Rostrevor boys are encouraged to accept responsibility for their mistakes and/or lapses in judgement and to work with their parents and members of staff to learn from such experiences so that they become the capable young men of good character who God calls them to be.

Rights and Responsibilities of Students

Students are expected to uphold these principles of Rostrevor College. These values are to be upheld in the way students conduct themselves not only at the College, but also the community. They are:



Personal Excellence

in schoolwork, extra-curricular, sporting and other personal endeavours



Tolerance

for others, regardless of their background, age, gender, sexuality, religion or race



Inclusion

of all those who decide to come to Rostrevor College, and of those in the community



Respect

for teachers, parents, peers and members of the community



Pride

in oneself, and the way in which he represents the College



Integrity

honesty and candour in all dealings



Courtesy

in all interactions



Personal Responsibility

for all actions



Sensitivity

avoid causing offence or hurt



All students are expected to observe and uphold this statement of rights and responsibilities.

All students at Rostrevor have the right to:

- reach their full learning potential in a safe and supportive environment
- be safe
- be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness
- be an active part of, and contribute positively to the community
- be treated fairly and justly
- have their human rights and other legal rights respected

Students at Rostrevor have the responsibility to:

- enable others to learn in a safe and supportive environment
- follow the College's policies, procedures and the directions of teachers at all times
- treat others with respect, courtesy and kindness

The contents of this Student Code of Conduct are reviewed annually by the student leadership group and the College Executive to ensure its relevance to each cohort of students and the changing environment in which they live.

The Code

It is expected that every student at Rostrevor College will familiarise themselves with the EREA Touchstones. It is recognised that we make choices about the way we behave and that focussing on the right thing is the best thing to do, to ensure that students live in a way that is consistent with the values of the College. It is expected that boys at Rostrevor will:

- Aspire to become a capable man of good character who makes a positive difference in the world;
- Abide by the health and safety rules and procedures operating within the College and at other locations at which the students may visit on school excursions and camps;
- Remain in the College grounds during the school day unless they have received approval to leave the campus by the relevant staff member and the absence is recorded on the College's absentee system;
- Adhere to the Student Uniform and Grooming Code¹;
- Maintain a high level of attendance at school and school events;
- Be punctual in their attendance at classes, training sessions, additional learning sessions and be ready to apply themselves fully to the learning activities or training;
- Complete all learning tasks, homework, assignments and tests to the best of their ability and to seek help when needed;
- Accept when they have made a mistake or caused offence and seek to restore their relationship with those they have offended²;
- Seek help when they need assistance to develop new understandings or resolve challenges that are preventing them from becoming the man they aspire to be;
- Behave with courtesy and consideration of others including students, staff, volunteers, temporary relief teachers and visitors to the College;
- Recognise the need for respectful relationships. Be committed to be part of the movement towards change where all individuals feel valued, safe and respected;
- Follow reasonable requests/instructions by a staff member;
- Welcome new students, families, staff, and volunteers to the College;
- Respect and care for College property and the property of other students, staff, volunteers and visitors to the College;
- Respect and participate³ in Religious Education lessons and the liturgical life of the College community;
- Behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves and others;
- Speak up whenever they become aware of issues and/or behaviours that undermine the Vision and Mission of Rostrevor College;
- Act responsibly and courteously and abide by the rules for using public transport and traffic rules when travelling to and from the College (College activities);
- Act responsibly and courteously when participating in on-or-off campus events/activities while representing the College;
- Display good sportsmanship in accordance with the Rostrevor College Co-Curricular Policy⁴.

1 Rostrevor College Student Uniform and Grooming Code

2 Rostrevor College Personal Responsibility Policy (includes Restorative Justice)

3 Families and students of other faith traditions are encouraged to discuss their respectful inclusion in the religious life of the College with the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)

4 Rostrevor College Co-Curricular Policy

Conduct that is not acceptable at Rostrevor College

- Any form of violence or threat of violence;
- All forms of bullying⁵;
- Using offensive language (including swearing) or making comments that are likely to offend other students, staff, volunteers or visitors. (Boys are to be especially mindful of making inflammatory comments about family members of other students);
- Unwarranted behaviours that intend to offend such as offensive sounds, rude or inappropriate gestures;
- Any harassment based on race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender etc;
- Inappropriate use of the College's technology platforms and systems;
- Sending inappropriate, offensive, explicit messages, photos or videos;
- Theft, fraud, graffiti or misuse of College resources;
- Consuming prohibited substances including alcohol, smoking, vaping (or being under the influence of same) while at the College or while participating in College events;
- Participating in illegal activities including gambling and tattooing;
- Possessing drug-related paraphernalia;
- Deliberately disrupting lessons and/or the learning of other students;
- Refusal to respect and/or follow the reasonable instructions of College staff and volunteers;
- Unexplained absence from lessons;
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour as defined in the College Sports Handbook⁶;
- Speaking or commenting publicly on behalf of the College without the prior written approval of the Principal;
- Criticising or critiquing College staff and/or volunteers on social media or other public forums. All students are encouraged to lodge any concerns and complaints about College staff or volunteers using the College's Complaints Management Process located on the College Website.

5 Rostrevor College Bullying and Harassment Policy and Procedures

6 Rostrevor College Sport Handbook





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