Marian College Ararat
Student Code of Conduct

Rationale	Marian College is dedicated to providing a respectful, safe, and supportive learning environment for all students. This Code of Conduct sets out the expectations for student behavior at all times, including during school activities, while representing the College, and in all interactions related to the College. Students are expected to uphold the College's core values.
Application	This Code applies to all Marian College students, not only while on College grounds but also at school events, while traveling to and from school, or whenever representing the College. Students must avoid actions that could harm the reputation of the College, regardless of whether the action occurs within or outside of College activities.
Expected student conduct	Students are expected to: ● Behave in ways that ensure the safety and well-being of themselves and others. ● Follow all health and safety rules at the College and other locations during school activities. ● Represent the College positively, both at school and when wearing the school uniform. ● Show respect for the College's values and beliefs. ● Be considerate, polite, and respectful towards others, avoiding all forms of bullying and harassment. ● Avoid disrupting class or hindering others' learning. ● Refrain from behaviors or communications (including social media) that could harm the reputation of the College, its students, or staff. ● Respect the property of the College and others, including staff, students, and visitors. ● Attend classes regularly and be punctual. ● Stay on College grounds during the school day unless otherwise approved with parental permission. ● Complete assignments on time and to the best of their ability. ● Dress in accordance with the College's uniform requirements, ensuring health, hygiene, and safety. ● Not possess, use, or be under the influence of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, alcohol, illicit drugs, or any harmful substances while on College property, at school events, or when in uniform. ● Share responsibility for cleaning classrooms and grounds. ● Use lockers to store personal belongings securely.

Unexpected student conduct	Unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited to: ● Physical or verbal violence, including assault or threats. ● Cyberbullying or cyber abuse. ● Sending inappropriate or offensive messages, photos, or videos. ● Language or actions that offend, bully, or discriminate against others. ● Theft, fraud, or misuse of College resources. ● Use of inappropriate language or gestures. ● Poor class attendance. ● Smoking, vaping, or using/consuming harmful substances including alcohol on College grounds, during school activities, or while in uniform.
Reporting unacceptable conduct	Students should report any breaches of this Code of Conduct to their TA, House Leader, Head of Student Pastoral Care or Head of Learning and Teaching. Breaches may also be reported directly to the Principal. This may be in person or via email.
Consequences of breaching the Code of Conduct	Students who breach this Code may face disciplinary action from their TA, House Leader, Head of Student Pastoral Care, Head of Learning and Teaching or Principal, depending on the severity of the breach. This could include community service, a positive behavior contract, or suspension. Repeated breaches may result in a meeting with the relevant staff member to discuss further actions. In cases of serious breaches, the College will follow legal requirements and inform the authorities, including the Police or Department of Health and Human Services. If required, intervention through Kildare Education may result in the enrolment of the student being cancelled.
Related Policies and Resources	● KEM Promotion of Student Wellbeing Policy ● KEM Safeguarding Policy ● Child Safety Code of Conduct ● Mobile Phone Policy ● Student ICT Access and Acceptable Use Agreement

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