

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Student Friendly Version



Rationale

At Marian College, we want everyone to learn in a respectful, safe, and supportive environment. As respectful, responsible, and safe learners, we are expected to make positive choices at all times - at school, during school activities, when travelling to and from school, and whenever we represent the College.

Our actions show our school values. This Code of Conduct applies to all students in every setting connected to Marian College.

We understand that our behaviour, both in person and online, reflects on our school. We avoid behaviour that could harm the reputation of Marian College, ourselves, our peers, or staff.

This Student Friendly version of the Student Code of Conduct was developed through the members of the Student Representative Council and with Senior Student Leaders.

We are Respectful Learners

We always:

- represent our school positively, especially when wearing our uniform
- value and respect our school's beliefs and values
- act with kindness, politeness, and consideration, and do not bully or harass others
- use social media in ways that reflect positively on our school community
- care for school property and respect the belongings of others
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We are Responsible Learners

We always:

- follow all health and safety rules at school and during school activities
- help keep classrooms and school grounds clean
- stay focused in class and avoid disrupting others
- attend all classes regularly and arrive on time
- wear our uniform correctly and maintain good hygiene
- complete our work on time and try our best
- use our lockers to keep our belongings safe and organised
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We are Safe Learners

We always:

- make choices that keep ourselves and others safe
- stay on school grounds during the day unless we have permission to leave
- do not bring or use cigarettes, vapes, alcohol, or drugs at school, at school events, or while in uniform.

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Behaviours We Avoid

As **respectful, responsible, safe learners**, we do not:

- use violence, threats, or hurtful behaviour
- engage in cyberbullying or online abuse
- send inappropriate or offensive messages, photos, or videos
- use language or actions that bully, offend, or discriminate
- steal, cheat, or misuse school resources
- use inappropriate language or gestures
- skip classes or arrive late without a valid reason
- smoke, vape, or use alcohol or other harmful substances at school, at school events, or while in uniform

Speaking Up

We speak up when something isn't right.

If you see or experience behaviour that breaks this Code, report it to your TA, House Leader, Head of Student Pastoral Care, Head of Learning and Teaching, or the Principal — in person or by email.

You can use the online Speak Up form or put a concern in the Speak Up box in the Front Office.

Consequences

Being responsible means understanding that actions have consequences.

If this Code of Conduct is not followed, consequences may include:

- community service
- a positive behaviour contract
- suspension

If behaviour continues, a meeting with staff and parents will be arranged to plan next steps.

For serious situations, the College may need to follow legal requirements and involve outside organisations such as the Police or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

In some cases, further action through Kildare Education Ministries may affect a student's enrolment.

Our Shared Responsibility

We all play a part in keeping Marian College safe, respectful, and supportive.

Related Policies

- KEM Promotion of Student Wellbeing Policy
- KEM Safeguarding Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Student ICT Access and Acceptable Use Agreement