

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE

The King David School is built upon a climate of trust, mutual respect, and personal responsibility. We believe that every individual is accountable for their own actions and has an inherent right to feel safe and be safe at all times.

To uphold these values, this Code is designed to ensure that the School remains a child safe and child-friendly environment where the safety, rights, and best interests of students are the paramount consideration in every interaction.

RIGHTS

Each person has the right to:

- Be informed about their rights
- Learn in a safe, clean, non-threatening, non-intimidating environment
- Be treated with respect, understanding and courtesy
- Expect that their property is to be respected and secure
- Feel secure in the school environment
- Feel comfortable to discuss with staff, issues that affect them or others
- To participate in decisions that affect them

RESPONSIBILITIES

To fulfil the above rights all students have certain responsibilities when at school or officially representing the school. Each student is expected to:

- Represent The King David School with pride and enthusiasm, always aiming to do their best
- Behave in a manner that does not endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of themselves or others
- Actively contribute to a culture of safety by supporting peers and reporting any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of another student (including peer-to-peer abuse)
- Report any concerns to a trusted teacher
- Respect all members of the school community, which includes students, teachers, parents, business team members, and visitors
- Respect the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Refrain from and report any instances of racism, discrimination, or prejudice
- Display good manners at all times
- Work out problems in a fair and conciliatory manner
- Be honest
- Behave with courtesy and consideration for others. In particular, students must refrain from all forms of bullying and harassment

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- Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in the classroom by helping and listening to others, and through encouragement, allowing students to voice opinions and ideas
- Not use inappropriate or profane words or gestures and images
- Be understanding and accepting of others' differences
- Be able to seek help, when necessary, in a non-disruptive and non-threatening manner
- Be punctual and attend all classes
- Organise and prepare for all classes with the correct material, including BYOD if applicable
- Complete all class tasks/homework/set tasks to the best of the student's ability
- Wear the correct school uniform, correctly and with pride, at all times (including on the way to and from school)
- Uphold the reputation of the school by observing an appropriate standard of behaviour in transit to and from the school and when wearing school uniform
- Respect The King David School's property: buildings, books, and equipment
- Not possess or use cigarettes, e-cigarettes, alcohol or illicit drugs or other substances harmful to health, at school, on excursions, camps or other official school events
- Respect their own and others' personal property
- Ensure all internet and social media use is respectful and protects the School's reputation. Students must refrain from creating, sharing, or possessing harmful digital content, cyberbullying, or sexualised imagery. This includes broadcasting inappropriate items such as extreme political views, unsuitable business ventures, or any content that compromises the safety and values of the school community.
- Students must not use personal or school provided devices to record or photograph others without their express consent

APPLICATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code applies to all King David students. The application of this Code is not limited to the school grounds and school hours. It extends to all activities and events that are school-related and when officially representing or acting on behalf of the school. The Code also requires that student actions do not bring the school into disrepute at any time regardless of whether the action occurs within or outside of school activities. This also includes all online activities.

BREACHES AND CONSEQUENCES

The King David School is committed to a disciplinary process that is both proportionate and fair. Consequences for breaches of this Code will vary according to the severity and frequency of the offence.

To provide clarity for students and families, breaches are categorised into three levels. The following actions may be applied based on the level of the breach:

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Level 1: Minor Breaches

- **Examples:** Uniform breaches, lateness to class, minor classroom disruptions, or isolated instances of off-task behaviour.
- **Likely Consequences:**
 - A formal or informal warning.
 - Counselling or a restorative conversation.
 - Detention.

Level 2: Serious Breaches

- **Examples:** Persistent bullying, verbal abuse, smoking or vaping on campus, minor property damage, or repeated Level 1 offences.
- **Likely Consequences:**
 - Attendance at the Student Behaviour Review Committee (SBRC).
 - Surrender of any office or leadership position held.
 - Probation period.
 - Short-term Suspension.

Level 3: Severe Breaches

- **Examples:** Physical violence, sexualised behaviour or misconduct, serious digital misconduct (such as sharing intimate images), possession of illegal drugs or weapons, or actions that significantly endanger the school community.
- **Likely Consequences:**
 - Long-term Suspension.
 - Probation with strict behavioural contracts.
 - Expulsion.

Note on Discretion: The School reserves the right to bypass levels or escalate consequences immediately depending on the context of the incident and the safety of the student body.

RELATED POLICIES

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Bring Your Own Device Policy Years 6-12
- Drug Education & Support Policy Students
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- ICT Student Acceptable Use Policy & Agreement
- Positive Behaviours Policy
- Uniform Policy & Guidelines