

Safeguarding Children and Young People Parent Code of Conduct



St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Norlane

Parents and other adults within the school community are expected to model positive behaviours. As adults, there is an expectation that we talk respectfully to others, respect the personal space of other people and treat other people in the way we would like to be treated. In line with Catholic Social Justice Teaching, School Wide Positive Behaviours, Positive Education and Restorative Justice, all members of our community are expected to uphold our school Gospel values of Respect, Compassion, Justice and Service.

Parents model acceptable behaviour by adhering to the “***St Thomas Aquinas Primary School – Safeguarding Children and Young People - Parent Code of Conduct***” and by:

- Encouraging their children to have a positive attitude towards school and to try their best
- Encouraging children to find peaceful solutions to their problems
- Speaking respectfully to staff – staff are professionals who are here to help your child learn and be the best they can
- Speaking respectfully to other adults at the school
- Modelling respectful ways of dealing with problems
- Promoting the school within the local community
- Using social media (Facebook, etc) for positive reasons
- Upholding our school values of respect, compassion, justice and service

The vast majority of our parents always uphold these behaviours. We thank you for that. It makes our school a great place to be.

Unfortunately, at times, some parents step outside these expected behaviours and display behaviour that is not part of our school's values.

Unacceptable behaviour of parents, carers and other adults connected to the school includes:

- Approaching other children at any time, especially in a confrontational or angry manner
- Approaching other parents in a confrontational or angry manner
- Spreading malicious gossip about other members of the school community, including on social media such as Facebook
- Denigrating the school on social media such as Facebook
- Yelling or displaying aggressive behaviour towards staff
- Actual violence or threats of violence towards other members of the community

Parent/Carer Meetings

It is an expectation that parents or carers will attend any meeting called by the school to discuss their child's academic progress or behaviour. Failing to attend these meetings is a breach of the Enrolment Agreement.

Sanctions for unacceptable behaviour:

In the event of parents or adults displaying “unacceptable behaviour”, the following sanctions/consequences will be enforced.

A breach of the our Parent Code of Conduct will result in a sanction of a week’s ban from entering the School Grounds of St Thomas Aquinas. It is also recommended that a written apology be undertaken as directed by the School Principal.

A further breach will automatically incur a penalty of a ban from the school grounds of one month. Once again, it is recommended that a written apology be undertaken as directed by the School Principal.

A severe breach of the Parent Code of Conduct will result in an indefinite ban from entering the school grounds of St Thomas Aquinas. In this instance, the police will be contacted and charges may be laid, especially when violence or threats of violence have been made.

The “***St Thomas Aquinas Primary School – Safeguarding Children and Young People - Parent Code of Conduct***” will be reviewed in term three every two years.

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