

Student Code of Conduct

1. PRINCIPLES:

At Trafalgar High School:

- ◆ Students have the right to be educated in a secure environment, without intimidation, bullying or harassment, where they are valued and treated with courtesy, as they develop their talents, interests and ambitions.
- ◆ Students are expected to recognise that teachers and other members of the school community have the right to teach and work in an atmosphere of order and cooperation.
- ◆ Individuals should treat their own property and the property of others with care and respect.
- ◆ Students are expected to develop self-discipline and to accept responsibility for their actions.
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In order for these principles to operate effectively, it is important to note that:
- ◆ Parents have an obligation to support the school in its efforts to maintain a productive learning and teaching environment.
- ◆ Principals and staff have an obligation to implement the Code of Conduct fairly, reasonably and consistently.
- ◆ Staff need to recognise and promote positive behaviour in all students.

2. STANDARDS AND RULES:

At Trafalgar High School, students are expected to:

- ◆ Be aware of, and comply with, school policies relating to such issues as discipline, harassment and uniform.
- ◆ Work to their full potential, to be punctual and to be prepared for class at all appropriate times.
- ◆ Understand that substance abuse, including the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ Not bring dangerous items to school.
- ◆ Be polite. Language and behaviour must not be abusive, sexist, racist or in any way offensive or threatening.
- ◆ Follow the directions of staff promptly.
- ◆ Take personal responsibility for their own safety and well-being, including complying with current health and safety requirements.
- ◆ Ensure the safety and well-being of others through appropriate behaviour.
- ◆ Not leave the school grounds without permission.
- ◆ Present a positive image of the school when on excursions.

3. APPROACH TO STUDENT MANAGEMENT:

Trafalgar High School staff are committed to implementing strategies that:

- ◆ Give positive reinforcement
- ◆ Improve self-esteem
- ◆ Encourage personal reflection
- ◆ Encourage friendship
- ◆ Acknowledge and respect differences

- ◆ Encourage sharing, tolerance and compassion
- ◆ Enhance and encourage parent-teacher contact
- ◆ Are consistent and fair in applying logical consequences
- ◆ Evaluate teaching methods
- ◆ Encourage awareness and understanding of school rules and policies
- ◆ Result in the keeping of accurate records
- ◆ Include peer mediation as a means of resolving student conflict.

4. EXAMPLES OF SANCTIONS USED:

At Trafalgar High School, the following are examples of sanctions which will be used if this Code of Conduct is breached:

- ◆ Community service
- ◆ Detention (possibly after school)
- ◆ Copying out of Code of Conduct
- ◆ Written apology
- ◆ Restitution of damage caused, with logical consequences to reinforce school rules (eg: desk cleaning for having written graffiti)
- ◆ Withdrawal of privileges (eg: exclusion from excursions, cancellation of lunch passes)
- ◆ Withdrawal from class (to Assistant Principal's office or alternative classroom setting)
- ◆ Behaviour contract
- ◆ Conduct card
- ◆ Notification to parents in writing, by interview or by telephone
- ◆ Suspension (in-school and out-of-school)
- ◆ Expulsion in line with DE&T guidelines.