



St John's College

'Forever Excelling'

Philotimo – Love, Excel, Achieve & Dream

Child Safe Standards Declaration: St John's College takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all Child Safety Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015)

Parent and Guardian Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians play a crucial role in the education, social and faith development of their children. At St John's College we encourage our parents and guardians to be actively involved in all aspects of their child/ren's education. Strong home/school partnerships are of critical importance in ensuring our students achieve to the best of their ability academically as well as become responsible members of society. Parents and guardians are the first and most important teachers; they are guides and role models.

RATIONALE:

This Code of Conduct (The Code) is in place to ensure our parents and guardians understand the College's expectations of them as partners in their child/ren's education.

The Code was developed in consultation with parents and staff to clearly articulate the expectations and aspirations for our school community.

The Code highlights the importance of the partnership between school staff and community members for the benefit of the students at school and reflects the school's mission, vision and values.

The Code recognises and respects the diversity of individuals in our learning community and emphasises the importance of the role of parents in their child/ren's education.

Working as partners with College personnel

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- Value the ethos of the College and demonstrate a commitment to the Orthodox/Christian values.
- Value staff as professionals and behave in a manner that ensures we build strong, respectful and positive partnership between home and school.
- Accept and abide by decisions made by the staff as being professional, discrete and based on the best interests of all parties.

- Respect and comply with reasonable requests or directions of the Principal or other members of staff.
- Behave in a respectful and courteous manner toward staff and other members of the community.
- Act appropriately and ensure that personal behaviour does not contribute to inappropriate conduct of others.
- Be aware that threatening behaviour and harassment of staff, students or other parents/guardians is unacceptable.

Supporting their child/ren's engagement in learning

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- Work in partnership with the school to enhance the learning outcomes, well-being and conduct of their child/ren.
- Ensure regular and punctual attendance of their child/ren at school.
- Inform the College on the morning of their child/ren's absence.
- Ensure their child/ren are wearing the correct uniform to school.
- Ensure that their child/ren are well nourished and well rested to maximize learning potential.
- Attend Parent Teacher Student Interviews during the year.
- Maintain regular communication with teachers regarding their child's progress and any wellbeing, learning or behaviour concerns.
- Contribute positively to behaviour, academic and other personalised support plans that relate to their child/ren.
- Ensure their child/ren completes all homework tasks.
- Understand their responsibilities as stated in the enrolment form.
- Actively support home learning initiatives including cyber-safety protocols.
- Regularly check SEQTA for messages, reports and communications.

Creating a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students

Parents and guardians are:

- Not permitted to address the behaviour of children who are not their own – please refer concerns to the class teacher or principal.
- Not permitted to upload photos/video taken of school events for personal use that may include other children onto any social media platform or publicly publish in any way.
- Not permitted to use student or staff names on any form of social media particularly if derogatory.
- Required to manage Grievances or Complaints in line with the corresponding policy and in a manner aligned to this Code.

Child Safety

Parents and guardians are required to:

- Act in accordance with the College Child Safe Standards Policy.
- Abide by the College's expectation regarding hours of supervision and ensuring students are enrolled in supervised programs if outside the core hours.
- Say goodbye to students in the morning before assembly to support a smooth transition.
- Be mindful of developing any 'special' relationships with children (who are not are their own) that may be viewed as favouritism (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children)
- Refrain from engaging in any behaviours with children (who are not are their own) which are unnecessarily physical and inappropriate (for example sitting on laps, hugging and kissing)
- Support children to take care of tasks of a personal nature that child/ren can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes.
- Avoid engaging in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children.
- Using inappropriate language in the presence of children.
- Expressing personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children.
- Discriminating against any child, due to culture, race, ethnicity, behaviour or disability.
- Refrain from having online or in person contact with a child without the child's parent/guardian permission
- Report any suspected or disclosed child abuse to the principal.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

I agree to adhere to the SJC Child Safe Standards Policy and the College Parent Guardian Code of Conduct.

Name:

Signature:

Date: