



# RIVERMOUNT COLLEGE

*Realising the Potential Within*

## 5.01.01 STUDENT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

### PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to outline what is required of all students with regards the Code of Behaviour which forms an integral part of the Educational Philosophy and Pastoral Care Program of Rivermount College.

### SCOPE

All students of Rivermount College

### RESPONSIBILITY

Principal reporting to the Board of Directors

### LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES

*Rivermount College Behaviour Management Guidelines*  
*Rivermount College Personal Appearance and Uniform Policy*

### POLICY

Rivermount College is a school community where learning takes place in a co-operative Christian environment which fosters the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional growth of each individual student.

It is, therefore, most important that every parent, student and teacher associated with the College appreciates the importance of co-operating in a Christian community with a common concern for the wellbeing of all, and for the promotion of Christian standards in morals and behaviour.

To achieve this aim the Code of Behaviour forms an integral part of the Educational Philosophy and Pastoral Care Program of Rivermount College.

#### ***Co-Operation and Responsibility***

The College expects each student to co-operate fully by taking the responsibility for his or her own progress through diligent preparation for, and participation in, all classes he or she attends.

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This requires showing concern for the needs of others to pursue their studies without interference, behaving appropriately at College, both in and outside the classroom, and respecting the authority of all teachers and other members of staff.

### ***Personal Appearance and Uniform***

**All students are required to maintain a neat and clean appearance at all times. This includes travel to and from the College and while visiting public places.**

Students are required to wear the Formal Uniform to all College functions, external functions relating to the College and formal occasions during the school year unless otherwise directed by the Principal. Students must wear the Formal Uniform to and from the College and at all College related activities. With the written approval of the Principal, students will be permitted to wear the Sports Uniform to and from the College on appropriate days. All students are required to wear the correct Sports Uniform for physical education and dance lessons, sports days, sporting competitions and defined excursions as specified by the Principal.

The uniform must be clean and in good repair at all times. Students are expected to wear the appropriate hat to and from the College and when out of class students must take personal responsibility for appropriate sun protection, e.g. use of sunscreen lotions.

The following requirements apply to all students from Kindergarten to Year 12:

- Hair for all students must be brushed, neat, tidy, clean and conservatively cut/styled.
- Hair should be of a natural colour with no obvious hair colouring permitted.
- Hair must be off the face.
- Hair must be tied back if it falls below the collar line or falls across the face.
- Boys must be clean shaven and without sideburns.
- Only plain College colour (gold, green or blue) hair ties are permitted.
- Make-up, nail polish and false nails, false eyelashes and/or extensions are not permitted.
- Tattoos (permanent or temporary) are not acceptable.
- Visible body piercings are not acceptable.

Students are permitted to wear the following items of jewellery only:

- plain watch
- medical alert tag
- one set of plain gold or silver studs or sleepers.

Students who fail to comply with these standards will be directed to have corrective measures taken before being permitted to attend classes. These measures may include a corrective haircut, the stripping of hair colour, or the purchasing of a College hair tie. This process may be costly, and often inconveniences parents who may be required to leave a workplace to attend to necessary hairdressing requirements.

### ***Personal Conduct***

It is essential that students develop respect for themselves as individuals and as students of the College. The College therefore requires students to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will enhance their reputation and that of others at the College. Offensive behaviour including bullying, the use of bad language, smoking, use of alcohol or illegal drugs, gambling, stealing or causing injury to another, will not be tolerated. Breaking the law may result in offenders being asked to leave the College.

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## ***Respect for Property***

Since real concern for others shows itself in the proper and thoughtful treatment of their property, students are expected to gain permission to use other people's property. This applies regardless of whether the property belongs to an individual, the College or the community. All items of clothing must be named. Students must not bring to College, valuable items, other than those required for academic and co-curricular activities.

## ***Participation***

The College offers a wide range of courses, cultural activities and sporting pursuits. Students are obviously unable to participate in all of these activities but they should take part in as many as possible and they should encourage the involvement of their peers. Students are expected to attend the major annual events of the College.

## ***Commitment***

When a student joins a College team, group or society, he or she must accept all the commitments involved in that membership. All students are expected to take part in inter-school sporting competitions and attend all team-training sessions outside class hours. An irresponsible attitude only shows lack of respect for others involved.

## ***Attendance***

The College expects students to recognise that there are certain legal responsibilities involved in their attendance at the College. In particular, a student may not leave the grounds for any purpose during the College day without obtaining special leave from the Principal or from those to whom he delegates his authority.

Except in the case of illness, a student must be in attendance on all days, on which the College is open, unless leave of absence has been requested in writing and permission granted in advance by the Principal. When a student is absent, the College must be notified by 8.30 am on the morning of the absence via Parent Lounge, phone or email.

Students, who are late to College in the morning, must report to Student Services to sign in. Under no circumstances is a student to be admitted to class without signing in.

Students departing early must present a green slip to Student Services signed by their Classroom Teacher (Primary School) or Year Level Coordinator (Secondary School).

## ***Guiding Principles***

In matters which are not specifically covered by the above Code of Behaviour or any other College regulation, students of the College will observe the principles contained above regarding the dignity of others, the respect for others and for their property and of mutual co-operation within the College community.

*It is anticipated that the Code of Behaviour may be subject to improved changes from time to time.*

***Please note that students and parents are required to sign the Code of Behaviour in the Student Handbook to indicate their support.***

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