St Pius X Parent Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is designed to reduce risk and prevent harm to students. It aims to define behaviours that reflect healthy, respectful relationships between parents, staff and students so that the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community can be ensured.

Conduct Statement 1

You act safely and competently

Parents/caregivers will:

- Adhere to parking and drop off / pick up guidelines to ensure the safety of all students and community members.
- Follow the speed limit when driving past our school and parish church.
- Sign the 'visitors register' at the Office, when rostered on as class helper, and wear the visitor's badge given to them. Sign out at the Office and return the visitor's badge before leaving the school grounds.
- Sign the class 'visitors register' if rostered on as parent helper in Kindy.
- Model respectful relationships with other parents, school staff and students.
- Report any hazards to administration.

Conduct Statement 2

You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Adhere to school drop off and pick up times.
- Ensure your children do not go on the playground equipment before or after school.
- Maintain confidentiality when engaging in or speaking about school activities.
- Keep your children home when they are unwell.
- Notify the school if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious viral or bacterial infection e.g. school sores, hand-foot-mouth, slapped cheek etc.
- Pack a nut-free recess and lunch for your child(ren).
- Only post photos of your own child(ren) on social media.
- Only use the disabled toilet when on school grounds - refrain from using the student toilets.

Conduct statement 3

You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Engage in respectful interactions with staff/students e.g. refrain from being argumentative / intimidating or unrealistic in expectations.
- Contribute to the development of a Christian school community by being welcoming and establishing and maintaining positive relationships.
- Foster a Christian mentality of love, compassion and justice.
- Use language suitable to a Christ centred and child focused environment.
- Speak about other students and their families in a positive, respectful way.

Conduct statement 4

You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies, directives and standards relevant to your relationship with the CEWA community.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Support the Catholic ethos of our school and all aspects of the curriculum.
- Support their child(ren) with activities that they need to complete out of school time (e.g. homework, church attendances, sport practice).
- Ensure that their child wears the correct school uniform each day and adheres to the school dress standards.
- Ensure that their child is well groomed.
- Ensure that their child has the correct equipment and is prepared for each day's activities.
- Notify the Principal if unsafe behaviours occur on the school premises.
- Ensure that all communication with staff members is conducted via official channels e.g. school phone or work email.

Conduct statement 5

You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the CEWA community.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Respect all religious beliefs.
- Respect all cultures and individual differences.
- Respect the privacy of all community members.
- Act in a Christ-like way in all interactions with all people.
- Embrace diversity and support our children to do the same.
- Accept individual family circumstances.
- Engage with and welcome all members of the school equally.

Conduct statement 6

You treat personal information about members of the CEWA community as private and confidential.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Always maintain confidentiality
- Speak directly with teachers, assistant principals, or the principal rather than discussing issues and situations with other members of the community.

Conduct statement 7

You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and wellbeing of students.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Disclose information, to the classroom teacher and or principal, that may impact on their child's education, safety and wellbeing e.g. medical conditions and reports, diagnosed learning difficulties, psychologist reports, changes in family dynamics etc.

Conduct Statement 8

You support all members of the CEWA community to make informed decisions about students.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Respect the expertise of school staff
- Trust that all decisions are made in the best interests of the children
- Participate in school based decision-making processes e.g. surveys, strategic planning workshops, parent information sessions.
- Contribute to the school community e.g. parent rosters, volunteer at carnivals and P&F events etc.

Conduct statement 9

You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the CEWA community

Parents/caregivers will:

- Interact with all members of the school community in a respectful, dignified manner.
- Play their part in maintaining an inclusive, collaborative and faith filled community.
- Adhere to the stipulated expectations at school events.
- Share the positive attributes of our school community with peers.

Conduct statement 10

You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Respect and give witness to our Catholic ethos and values
- Always uphold the Code of Conduct.
- Display our school SEARCH values and encourage their children to do the same.
- Support our parish and sacramental programs.
- Refrain from expressing opinions in public that could damage the reputation of Catholic schools or Church.

Conduct statement 11

You act reflectively and ethically.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Always think before they act.
- Inform the class teacher, assistant principals, or principal if they are assisting at a school event but feel a reduction in the capacity to assist.
- Report safety concerns within the school to the principal.
- Follow protocols and exercise caution during pick-up and drop off, especially when using Kiss and Drive.

Conduct Statement 12

You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

Parents/caregivers will:

- Encourage their children to share highlights about their day at school.
- Collaboratively devise homework plans with their children.
- Listen to their children's depictions of educational, social, emotional experiences.
- Allow their children to have a voice in extra-curricular activities.
- Allow their children to have a voice in how concerns or issues are resolved.