



## Parent Code of Conduct

All members, staff, parents and students, of the Christ the Priest (CtP) community endeavour to respect the dignity of the human person. Specifically, within the community of CtP, we strive to be Christ centred in our daily interactions with all stakeholders both within and beyond the school community.

The Parent Code of Conduct outlines the responsibilities of all members of the school community to live a life that reflects the values and beliefs as outlined in the Gospels. As followers of Jesus, we too are invited to live lives that reflect true Christian values. To clarify what this means the following "Codes of Conduct" have been formulated so that all stakeholders are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

### Code of Conduct

Parents play an invaluable and formative role in the development of a child's sense of justice, equity and worth. *Parents also act as the most influential role model within their child's life.* For this reason, it is the expectation of the school that all parents/guardians model acceptable behaviour by upholding the core values of respect and forgiveness at all times within the school setting.

This Code of Conduct is intended to assist CtP parents and guardians to identify and resolve issues that may arise at school. It is designed to guide parents and guardians in their dealings with other parents as well as the staff and administration of the school. The Code is written as a set of general principles that are in line with our school values and expectations.

This Code of Conduct outlines clearly the expectations that the school has of the parents and guardians within the community of CtP. Parents /Guardians are asked to read and acknowledge the following Code of Conduct and apply these guiding principles in all dealings and interactions with members of CtP School Community.

### Parents' and Guardians' Code of Conduct

As my child's most important educator, I understand that I teach my child best *by my own example of reverence, responsibility, and respect.*

#### ***With respect to my child/ren:***

- I will not tolerate inappropriate language from my child/ren.
- I will not tolerate bullying, violent, or aggressive speech or behaviour and therefore will set a good example through my own speech and behaviour.
- I will encourage my child/ren to follow my example by showing respect for all staff members and fellow pupils within the school community.
- I will hold high expectations for my child/ren's learning and therefore will encourage my child/ren to be responsible and accountable for their learning and behaviour at a level appropriate to their age.
- I will, under no circumstances, approach another child at the school to discuss or chastise them because of their actions.
- I will be mindful that there are many sides to stories that come home and so will keep an open mind, seeking to verify the facts before stating a concern.

#### ***With respect to my obligations to staff members, parents and other individuals:***

- I will show respect for the school staff and any other adult in authority in front of my child at all times, regardless of what I may think of their actions.
- I will communicate in an honest, open and respectful manner, addressing issues and not personalities.
- I will also use respectful and courteous language when communicating via email, remembering to address issues and not personalities
- I will be honest in all discussions with the principal and staff concerning my child/ren's behaviour.
- I will speak respectfully to other adults in front of students, especially when there is any disagreement.
- I will speak to the teacher or adult in charge before I accept my child's version of an incident. I understand the school needs to consider the needs of all students.
- I am aware that events have many sides, and will be prepared to listen to them and seek to verify facts before stating a concern.
- I will refrain from using any form of social media to share grievances I may have about the staff, students or the day to day running of the school
- I will respect the rights and the authority of all school staff members at C+P.
- I will not approach and berate, reprimand, question or discipline other C+P student's. I will communicate through the school at all times.

**Failure to Follow the Code of Conduct**

If parents/guardians are unable to follow codes of conduct the following sanctions will be put in place:

1. Verbal warning from the Principal reminding parents/guardians of their responsibility to follow the code of conduct
2. Written warning from the Principal reminding parents/guardians of their responsibility to follow the code of conduct
3. If parent/guardians repeatedly ignore verbal and written warnings from the Principal, these parents will be issued with a further written warning, stating they are prohibited from entering the school property for an extended period of time. The length of time will be dependent upon the nature of the misconduct by the parent.

**I have read and understood the Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians and agree to abide by the guidelines set out.**

**Name** **Signature**

**Date**

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**Date**

**Please complete the following details:**

**Name of Child** **Grade Level**

*\*\*Grievance Procedures for raising concerns, complaints, criticism can be found in the 'Management of Complaints Grievance Policy', as per the school's website.\*\**