



Student Code of Conduct

Policy

Students at The Beehive Montessori School shall behave in a manner that is consistent with the School's commitment to the Montessori values of respect, responsibility and tolerance to ensure that all members of the School community feel safe, protected and heard. This Student Code of Conduct applies to all students regarding the conduct expected of them while at School, during School related activities or when representing the School.

Background

Beehive is committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students. The Beehive Montessori School implements the National Child Safe Organisation Principles through its Child Safe Organisation Framework to underpin all Beehive's policies, procedures, practices and strategies to ensure the provision of an environment where children feel respected, valued, supported and safe from harm.

Prosocial skills such as cooperation, negotiation and inclusion are explicitly taught as part of the Montessori Curriculum, and are practiced daily.

Overarching Principles

1. Students have a right to –
 - 1.1. feel safe and protected within the School;
 - 1.2. learn in a safe, nurturing environment to the best of their ability;
 - 1.3. be treated with respect and tolerance by other students and teachers; and
 - 1.4. be listened to.
2. Students have a responsibility to –
 - 2.1. act respectfully and work cooperatively with other students and teachers;
 - 2.2. respect the learning and emotional needs of all students and be tolerant of differences;
 - 2.3. take responsibility for their own learning, to work consistently and complete the tasks required;
 - 2.4. use polite and respectful language at all times;
 - 2.5. be punctual and regular in attendance: and
 - 2.6. Speak up to express their concerns.

Implementation

3. Parents/guardians have a responsibility to –
 - 3.1. encourage children to respect and comply with the School's values and policies;
 - 3.2. encourage children to Speak Up to express their concerns;
 - 3.3. work cooperatively with the School to solve problems, in accordance with the Code of Conduct; and
 - 3.4. communicate relevant information and concerns to the School.

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4. Staff have the responsibility to-
 - 4.1. engage students in discussion on this Code of Conduct regularly and for new students on their arrival;
 - 4.2. encourage and model expected behaviour;
 - 4.3. encourage students to express concerns and complaints and refer to the Speak Up and Code of Conduct posters displayed in each classroom;
 - 4.4. treat students fairly and consistently;
 - 4.5. incorporate regular Grace and Courtesy and Protective Behaviour lessons; and
 - 4.6. provide a range of learning and behaviour strategies to cater for individual needs.

Minimum Standards of Conduct

1. Students are expected to -
 - 1.1 treat all students, staff, volunteers and visitors with courtesy, tolerance and respect;
 - 1.2 respect the privacy of others;
 - 1.3 behave in a way that that cares for the physical and mental health, safety and wellbeing of others, whether this is face to face or online;
 - 1.4 care for the School environment (buildings, materials and grounds);
 - 1.5 participate in School activities and lessons as requested; and
 - 1.6 report breaches to this Code of Conduct to a staff member, including but not limited to cases of bullying, harassment, physical or verbal violence, and cyber bullying or cyber abuse.

Consequences of Breach of this Code of Conduct

In the event of an alleged breach of this Code:

1. The relevant student(s) will be informed about the nature of the alleged breach and given the opportunity to respond to allegations or complaints.
2. Any disputed matters will be fully investigated.
3. The staff member(s) responsible will act reasonably and in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.
4. The School's response to the breach will be proportionate to the nature of the breach and the age of the student

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Related Documents and Resources

[Privacy Act 1988](#)

[Beehive Montessori School Constitution](#)

[Beehive Montessori School Communication Path for Parents](#)

Beehive Montessori School Staff Handbook

Beehive Montessori School Parent Handbook

[Behaviour Policy](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Staff Code of Conduct](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

Student Code of Conduct Poster

[Complaints \(and Feedback\) Policy](#)

[Beehive Montessori School Child Safe Organisation](#)

[Royal Commission's Creating Child Safe Institutions](#)

[National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](#)

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SAMPLE CODE OF CONDUCT POSTER



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I will abide by the Student Code of Conduct by:

1. Treating others with courtesy, tolerance and respect
2. Respecting the privacy of others
3. Caring for the physical and mental health, safety and wellbeing of others at all times
4. Caring for the school environment
5. Willingly participating in School activities, including lessons and follow on work to the best of my ability.
6. Talking to a teacher if another students breaches the Student Code of Conduct.

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