

Student Behaviour Policy for Middle and Senior Students

Policies on behaviour provide a framework on which to build a secure, happy and orderly environment for the enjoyment and benefit of each student. All members of the Carey community are encouraged to accept responsibility for their own actions, consider their behaviour towards others, and respect authority. The Carey community's expectations about standards of behaviour are drawn from the Christian teachings on which the School's ethos is founded.

Our aim is to encourage in our students:

- consideration for others
- a responsible attitude to personal safety
- tolerance and respect
- the ability to act independently when appropriate rather than succumb to peer pressure
- accountability for their own words and actions
- conduct that brings credit to the School
- pride in their appearance and that of the School
- diligence and punctuality in their attendance at classes and in completion of set tasks

Procedures

Students should understand that there are consequences which flow from all behaviours. Consequences of student behaviours which are unacceptable to the well-being of the School community can include verbal reminders, warnings, additional duties and detentions, suspension and expulsion. In addition, consultation with parents and student counselling may be required. In implementing the discipline policy, the School aims at all times to be fair and consistent whilst appreciating that every situation also needs to be judged on its own merits.

Please note that the following behaviours are particularly unacceptable, and may result in suspension or expulsion:

- Discrimination on the basis of gender, race or religion
- Bullying and sexual harassment - physical, verbal or electronic
- Behaving in a way that is abusive, hurtful, threatening or frightening to others
- Possession of, use of, or dealing in illicit drugs – refer to **Drug Education Policy**
- Smoking and/or drinking alcohol in school uniform or whilst attending school functions
- Theft
- Vandalism
- The use or possession of weapons
- Assault

The Principal or his delegate shall be the sole final arbiter in the matter of School discipline and individual conduct.

Please note that corporal punishment is not permitted at Carey.

Resolution of Student Grievance

Disputes between students and the School are dealt with on an individual case basis. The normal procedure is through the House system of pastoral care. If a student is unable to resolve a grievance he or she may seek resolution through discussion with the Head of School, Principal or his representative.

The School reserves the right to vary disciplinary procedures for a particular misdemeanour by weighing the interests of the individual students against those of the wider School community.