

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS POLICY

*The Currajong School takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all **Child Safety Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015)***

The Currajong School is committed to the provision of a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all members of the school community. This code of conduct is intended to guide parents and guardians in recognising and respecting their own rights and responsibilities as well as those of other members of the school community.

Rights of parents/guardians are:

- To be treated with respect and understanding
- To have confidentiality respected and maintained
- To receive a timely response to concerns raised
- To be listened to respectfully and communicated with courteously
- To have their participation in the life of the school recognised and valued
- To enjoy a school community which is free of harassment or discrimination

Responsibilities of parents/guardians are:

- To be aware of, and comply with, school policies and endeavour to support these at home
- To treat all members of the Currajong community, including staff, with respect and courtesy
- To notify the school of any changes at home which may affect a child's learning or behaviour
- To schedule an appointment when they wish to discuss a concern. Staff are unable to give their full attention at busy drop-off and collection times or when on playground supervision
- Under NO circumstances to approach or reprimand students in relation to perceived actions toward their own child. Allow staff to deal with discipline
- To refrain from public or online criticism of the staff or school and from making negative comments about the staff or school to their child or within the hearing of their child
- To follow appropriate protocols in resolving conflicts – issues regarding staff will be dealt with only if related to professional conduct
- To avoid engaging in conversations which constitute harassment, discrimination or denigration or which involve swearing, innuendo, or offensive language
- To respect diversity in people and their opinions regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability
- To behave lawfully on school grounds and observe the terms of family court or other orders if parents are in dispute. It is not the role of staff to mediate on, or become involved in, these matters

Note: As a parent or guardian you are an influential role model and play a formative part in the development of your child’s ability to interact co-operatively with others and to develop a non-judgemental attitude in respect to those with divergent backgrounds and beliefs. Speaking positively about the school and supporting staff in implementing policies and procedures, including behaviour management practices, will do much to ensure that your child’s experience at The Currajong School is both happy and successful.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as per our three year review cycle or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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