



TALLOWOOD STEINER SCHOOL  
ENLIVENING EDUCATION

Tallowood School Inc.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

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## 1. Document Control

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## 2. Policy Statement

**2.1** Tallowood aims to provide students with support to make appropriate choices of behaviour in keeping with the rights and responsibilities of all students and staff.

## 3. Purpose

**3.1** The purpose of this policy is to minimise the risk of harm, supporting the right of all to engage in a healthy learning and teaching environment.

**3.2** This policy aims to foster an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of students, establishing school rules and expected behaviour.

## 4. Scope

This policy applies to all Tallowood School students.

## 5. Related Policies

This policy is part of the Safe and Supportive Environment Statement and should be read in unison with this document. This policy is also related to the School's other policies including but limited to:

- *Codes of Conduct for staff and parents*
- *School Wellbeing Policy*
- *Behaviour Management Policy*
- *Child Protection Policy*
- *Zero Tolerance of Bullying Policy*

## 6. Legislation

These guidelines have been drafted with consideration to the following legislation:

- Education Act (NSW) 1990
- Australian Education Act 2013
- Disability Discriminations Act 1992
- Disability Standards for Education 2005

## 7. Definitions

For a full list of definitions relevant to the School's policies refer to the Definitions Register: [www.tallowood.nsw.edu.au/about/annual-reports-policies](http://www.tallowood.nsw.edu.au/about/annual-reports-policies)

## 8. Principles

Tallowood School adheres to the following principles:

### 8.1 Culture of Safety

Tallowood School aims to maintain a culture of safety throughout the school's principles, policies, procedures and actions.

Essential to this culture of safety are:

- open and inclusive conversations,
- respect for all individuals,
- upholding the rights and responsibilities of all.

### 8.2 Supportive Environments

Tallowood School celebrates individuality with support and acceptance, so that children develop self awareness, emotional understanding and personal strength.

Tallowood School aims to enhance the self-esteem of all individuals through positive communication and action.

### 8.3 Equity

Tallowood School aims to ensure all individuals are valued and treated with respect, the rights of all individuals are maintained, and all individuals are supported as required.

### 8.4 Creative Freedom and the Developing Spirit of Individuals

Tallowood School engages with contemporary insights emerging from Rudolf Steiner's indications about the unfolding human individuality. One core insight is that the individual is a threefold being of body, soul, and spirit.

Steiner education seeks to enliven the life of feeling and thinking as well as physical, social, artistic, and spiritual capacities. As the individual evolves, they are able to impart meaning and purpose to their lives and creatively fulfil their unique potential. [Steiner Education Australia](#)

### 8.4 Respectful Relationships

All individuals are to be valued and treated with respect. Respectful relationships support safe and collaborative teaching, learning and social environments.

Tallowood School practices principles of open and inclusive conversation, embracing diversity and personal responsibility.

### 8.5 Procedural Fairness

Tallowood school aims to provide procedural fairness through the 'hearing rule' and the 'right to an unbiased decision'.

The 'hearing rule' includes the right of the person against whom an allegation or complaint has been made to

- Know the allegations related to a specific matter and any other information which will be taken into account in considering the matter
- Know the process by which the matter will be considered
- Respond to the allegations
- Know how to seek a review of the decision made in response to the allegations

The 'right to an unbiased decision' includes the right to:

- Impartiality in an investigation, and
- An absence of bias by a decision-maker

### 8.6 Accountability

All individuals have rights and responsibilities in regards to their behaviour. Tallowood School aims to encourage all individuals to accept and act upon their responsibilities.

### 8.7 Evidence-based Practice

Tallowood School is committed to ongoing collegial conversations, professional development, subscription to educational associations and publications, and participation in relevant sector conferences and events.

## 9. Context

9.1 Tallowood school must comply with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirements to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for students.

## 10. Rights and Responsibilities

As a student at Tallowood School	
I have the right to:	I have the responsibility to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn to the best of my ability and benefit from an education at Tallowood School.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Respect the rights of others to work and learn</li> <li>● Follow teachers' instructions</li> <li>● Be a co-operative learner, by being helpful, polite, punctual, ready to learn and apply myself to tasks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Work, play and learn in a friendly, safe and respectful school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Show respect to all members of our school community.</li> <li>● Be kind and empathetic to others</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not tease, bully or hurt others emotionally, physically, socially or psychologically.</li> <li>● Act in a safe and considerate manner during school hours and at school events, excursions, camps and on buses to and from school.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Be treated with dignity and respect.</li> <li>● Be listened to and to have problems worked out in a respectful manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treat others politely and respectfully regardless of differences (race, religion, gender, age, or disability).</li> <li>● Be truthful and demonstrate integrity.</li> <li>● Work out problems in a respectful manner.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expect personal property be safe and treated respectfully by all students and staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Show proper care and regard for my own property, the property of others and school property.</li> </ul>

## 11.Expectations

**11.1** The following behaviours are expected at school, school events or travelling to and from school:

- Remain within the school boundaries, including playground areas during break times.
- Wear shoes and hats when outside the classroom, in the playground and travelling for school.
- Remain seated and comply with bus rules when travelling for school.
- Arrive at class on time, with relevant work and materials.
- Make a genuine effort to complete all tasks - including class work, homework and assessments.
- Return borrowed equipment and school items in good condition, including all library books and educational resources.

**11.2** The following behaviours are not acceptable at school, school events or travelling to and from school:

- Swearing
- Stealing
- Lying
- Hurting others, either physically or emotionally
- Bullying or harassment

**11.3** The following items are not permitted at school, school events or travelling to and from school:

- Personal toys and equipment, except at the teacher's discretion.
- All electronic games and remote controlled toys, phones and other electronic devices,
- Literature, images or graphics that are age inappropriate, offensive or discriminative.
- Illegal items such as weapons and illicit substances.

**11.4** Responses to any breach of this code of conduct for students are outlined in the Tallowood School Behaviour Management Policy.

## **12. Records**

This policy is stored in Tallowood School's Google Drive, and on the Tallowood School website