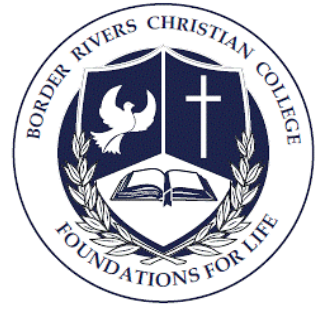


BORDER RIVERS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Student Code of Conduct

Purpose

Border Rivers Christian College is committed to providing a safe, respectful, supportive, and Christ-centered learning environment where every student is encouraged to grow spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

This Student Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for behaviour, relationships, learning, and personal responsibility within the College community. It reflects the College's Christian beliefs, values, philosophy, and mission and applies to all students enrolled at the College.

The purpose of this Code is to:

- Promote a culture of safety, respect, dignity, and wellbeing.
- Encourage students to act in a manner consistent with Christian values.
- Support positive relationships between students, staff, families, and the wider community.
- Establish clear expectations for behaviour and conduct.
- Encourage responsibility, integrity, self-discipline, and service.
- Provide fair and restorative responses to inappropriate behaviour.

This Code applies:

- At school.
- During travel to and from school.
- During excursions, camps, sporting events, and College activities.
- During online learning and digital communication.
- In any circumstance where a student's behaviour may impact the wellbeing, safety, or reputation of the College community.

Christian Expectations of Students

Students at Border Rivers Christian College are expected to:

- Demonstrate respect for God, themselves, others, and property.
- Act honestly, responsibly, and with integrity.
- Follow the lawful directions of staff.
- Support the learning and wellbeing of others.

- Participate positively in all learning opportunities.
- Use words and actions that encourage, uplift, and show kindness.
- Treat all members of the community fairly and respectfully.
- Care for the College environment and resources.
- Represent the College positively in the community.
- Seek to live according to biblical principles.

Students are encouraged to reflect Christ-like attitudes in all aspects of College life.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students Have the Right To:

- Learn in a safe and supportive environment.
- Be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect.
- Feel valued and included.
- Access appropriate learning opportunities.
- Express concerns respectfully.
- Receive support for wellbeing and learning needs.
- Be protected from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and harm.

Students Have the Responsibility To:

- Treat others respectfully.
- Follow College rules and expectations.
- Engage positively in learning.
- Complete work to the best of their ability.
- Care for personal belongings and College property.
- Behave safely.
- Use technology appropriately.
- Tell a trusted adult if they or another student feels unsafe.
- Uphold the Christian values and reputation of the College.

Respectful Relationships

The College expects all students to:

- Speak respectfully to and about others.
- Demonstrate kindness, compassion, patience, and forgiveness.
- Value diversity and treat all people with dignity.
- Respect personal boundaries.
- Resolve conflict peacefully.
- Include others and avoid exclusionary behaviour.
- Show honour to staff, parents, visitors, and peers.

The following behaviours are unacceptable:

- Bullying.
- Harassment.
- Intimidation.
- Verbal abuse.
- Physical aggression.
- Racism.
- Discrimination.
- Sexual harassment.
- Cyberbullying.
- Threatening behaviour.
- Humiliation or social exclusion.

The College takes all concerns regarding student safety and wellbeing seriously.

Learning and Classroom Behaviour

Students are expected to:

- Arrive prepared and on time.
- Bring required materials and equipment.
- Participate actively in learning.
- Follow teacher instructions promptly.
- Allow others to learn without disruption.
- Submit work honestly and on time.
- Respect classroom procedures.
- Use appropriate language and behaviour.

Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, cheating, or misuse of artificial intelligence or digital tools, is inconsistent with Christian integrity and may result in disciplinary action.

Please see Border Rivers Christian College Behaviour Management Policy for additional information.

Uniform and Presentation

Students are expected to wear the College uniform correctly and with pride.

Students must:

- Follow uniform requirements.
- Maintain neat, clean, and modest presentation.
- Wear clothing appropriate to activities and safety requirements.
- Avoid hairstyles, jewellery, or accessories that conflict with College Policy & expectations.

The College believes personal presentation should reflect respect, modesty, and the values of the College community.

Please see Border Rivers Christian College Uniform Policy for additional information.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to student learning and wellbeing.

Students are expected to:

- Attend school every day unless absent for a legitimate reason.
- Arrive on time at school and classes.
- Participate fully in the school program.
- Provide explanations for absences as required.

Parents and caregivers are expected to support student attendance in accordance with Queensland legislation and College procedures.

Digital Technology and Online Behaviour

Students using College technology or accessing online platforms must:

- Use technology safely and responsibly.
- Respect the privacy and dignity of others.
- Follow staff instructions regarding device use.
- Use the internet for educational purposes.
- Protect passwords and personal information.
- Report inappropriate content or online concerns.

Students must not:

- Access inappropriate material.
- Engage in cyberbullying.
- Record or share images without permission.
- Use technology to threaten, harass, or humiliate others.
- Damage or interfere with College systems.
- Use social media in a manner that harms others or damages the reputation of the College.

The College may monitor student use of College technologies and networks. Please see Border Rivers Christian College Acceptable use of ICT Policy for additional information.

Student Safety and Wellbeing

Border Rivers Christian College is committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing, and protection of all students.

Students are expected to:

- Behave safely.
- Follow safety instructions.
- Report hazards, concerns, or unsafe behaviour.
- Respect the physical and emotional safety of others.
- Seek help when needed.

The College does not tolerate:

- Child abuse.
- Grooming behaviours.
- Violence.
- Unsafe conduct.
- Possession of prohibited items.
- Alcohol, vaping, smoking, or illegal substances.
- Weapons or dangerous objects.

The College will respond to concerns in accordance with legislative obligations, Child Safe Standards, and College policies.

Bullying and Harassment

Bullying is repeated behaviour intended to cause harm, fear, distress, or humiliation.

Bullying may include:

- Verbal bullying.
- Physical bullying.
- Social exclusion.
- Rumours.
- Threats.
- Online or cyberbullying.
- Harassment based on race, disability, gender, culture, or other characteristics.

Students who experience or witness bullying are encouraged to report it to a trusted adult.

All reports will be taken seriously and responded to fairly and appropriately. Please see Border Rivers Christian College Anti-Bullying Policy for more information.

Property and Environment

Students are expected to:

- Respect College property.
- Respect the property of others.
- Care for classrooms, grounds, equipment, and resources.

- Dispose of rubbish appropriately.
- Contribute positively to the College environment.

Intentional damage, vandalism, theft, or misuse of property may result in disciplinary action and restitution.

Behaviour Support and Discipline

The College seeks to respond to behaviour in ways that are restorative, fair, respectful, and consistent with Christian principles.

Consequences for inappropriate behaviour may include:

- Verbal reminders.
- Reflection activities.
- Restorative conversations.
- Apologies.
- Loss of privileges.
- Parent communication.
- Behaviour support plans.
- Detention.
- Withdrawal from activities.
- Suspension.
- Cancellation of enrolment in serious cases.

The College will consider:

- The nature and seriousness of the behaviour.
- Student age and developmental level.
- Safety and wellbeing impacts.
- Previous behaviour patterns.
- Opportunities for restoration and growth.

Corporal punishment is prohibited. Please see Border Rivers Christian College Behaviour Management Policy for additional information.

Restorative Practices

The College encourages restorative approaches to conflict and behaviour management.

Students may be encouraged to:

- Reflect on their actions.
- Understand the impact of their behaviour.
- Restore relationships.
- Make amends where appropriate.
- Develop strategies for improved behaviour.

The aim of discipline is growth, responsibility, reconciliation, and learning.

Serious Misconduct

Serious misconduct may include but is not limited to:

- Physical assault.
- Threats of violence.
- Serious bullying or harassment.
- Possession of weapons.
- Drug or alcohol use.
- Criminal behaviour.
- Significant vandalism.
- Serious breaches of safety.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Repeated defiance.
- Conduct bringing the College into disrepute.

Serious misconduct may result in suspension, exclusion, cancellation of enrolment, and/or referral to external authorities.

Student Leadership

Student leaders are expected to model exemplary conduct and Christian character.

Leadership at the College is viewed as service. Student leaders should:

- Encourage others.
- Demonstrate humility and integrity.
- Act responsibly.
- Represent the College positively.
- Support College values and expectations.

Students in leadership positions may lose leadership privileges if expectations are not upheld.

Commitment to Inclusion and Cultural Respect

Border Rivers Christian College values the dignity and worth of every person.

The College seeks to:

- Promote inclusion.
- Respect cultural diversity.
- Build positive relationships with Indigenous communities.
- Support students from diverse backgrounds.
- Encourage empathy, understanding, and compassion.

Discrimination, vilification, or prejudice is inconsistent with College values and expectations.

Please see Border Rivers Christian College Cultural Safety Policy for more information.

Parent and Family Partnership

Border Rivers Christian College values partnership with families.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to:

- Support the values and expectations of the College.
- Communicate respectfully with staff.
- Encourage positive behaviour and attendance.
- Support student learning and wellbeing.
- Work collaboratively with the College to address concerns.

Strong partnerships between home and college contribute significantly to student success and wellbeing.

Acknowledgement

Enrolment at Border Rivers Christian College indicates acceptance of the standards, expectations, and principles outlined in this Student Code of Conduct and their relevant policies.

Students and families are expected to support the Christian ethos, values, and behavioural expectations of the College.

Together, we seek to honour God, support one another, and build strong foundations for life.
