



Department of Education and Training
CRICOS Provider Code 00861 K

Student Code of Conduct

Child Safe

Viewbank College is a child safe environment in accordance with the Victorian Government Guidelines. Viewbank College actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment, in accordance with their legal obligations including child safe standards. Viewbank College has a Child Safety Code of Conduct consistent with the Department of Education and Training's exemplar.

Preamble

The Student Code of Conduct is committed to safety and wellbeing of all students in all school environments which also includes school related activities that are outside regular school times. The Student Code of Conduct promotes fair and responsible behaviour. Fundamental to College values is the right of every student to learn without disruption. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure this happens.

Students can expect to:

- Enjoy learning in an environment of co-operation
- Be able to work in a safe, secure and stable environment
- Be treated with fairness, courtesy and consistency
- Be treated with respect as an individual
- Be free from bullying, intimidation, harassment and discrimination
- Be given the support of the College community
- Be encouraged to develop their full potential

Students at the College are expected to value:

- Self-respect and self-discipline
- Courtesy, respect and sensitivity to the needs of others
- Personal safety and the safety of others
- Respect and care for the College property and the property of others
- Respect and care for the College environment
- A sense of achievement and endeavour
- Pride in representing the College
- Correct wearing of the College uniform

People to see for support

The following support structures are in place:

- Class teachers
- Year Level Leaders and Wellbeing Leaders
- Student Welfare Counsellors
- Educational Psychologists (Guidance Officers) and other external agencies
- Principal and Assistant Principals
- Student Leadership Team
- Peer Support Leaders
- Mentors

Anti-Bullying Campaign

Bullying or harassment of any member of the College community will not be accepted at Viewbank College. This also includes any cyber-bullying. Bullying or harassment includes acts of deliberate exclusion, verbal, physical, telephone and internet abuse, and the withholding of resources or information so as to deliberately isolate. It is often subtle. Staff or students who experience intimidatory behaviour have both the right and the responsibility to seek support.

Responses and Consequences to Breaches of the Student Code of Conduct

If the Student Code of Conduct has been broken, responses will depend on the severity of the issue. These may include:

- Consultation and counselling
- School detention
- Parent contact
- Progress cards
- Attendance cards
- Parent interview and student contracts
- An Official College warning
- Suspension and counselling as per DET guidelines
- Involvement of other external agencies (including the Police if required)

Students must understand the following specific rules apply. The following are not permitted:

- Fighting
- Bullying or cyberbullying
- Swearing or abusive language
- Discrimination based on race, sex, religion, appearance or ability
- Possession or use of cigarettes, drugs or alcohol
- Destruction or abuse of school property or the property of others
- Irresponsible or dangerous behaviour.