



Sacred Heart Girls' College Sports Department

Parent, Caregiver and Spectator Code of Conduct

Sacred Heart Girls' College is committed to providing a safe and healthy sporting environment for students, staff, coaches, managers, officials, parents, caregivers and spectators.

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers and spectators that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical well-being and not harm it in any way.

As a parent or caregiver for a student representing the school, the Code of Conduct applies:

- To all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media or other communication
- While on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes – such as a sports match or event

The Standard of Conduct we expect from parents, caregivers and spectators is:

- To treat everyone with respect
- Respect and adhere to our school values
- Set a good example for students at all times
- Follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- Adhere to school policies and procedures

Examples of unsuitable conduct at sporting events includes:

- Threats, bullying, harassment
- Profanity/offensive language
- Insulting, abusing, or intimidating behaviour
- Physical violence
- Disagreeing with decisions made by officials and voicing those to that person / intimidating that person by shouting at them
- Disagreeing with coaches or managers about decisions they have made for that game
- Possessing or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances at a venue where students are participating in a sport

Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Conduct

Sacred Heart Girls' College will deal with each breach of the Code of Conduct depending on the nature of the complaint and its seriousness. In all instances we will:

- Document each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said and what happened
- A follow up phone call or meeting may be called to discuss the incident and possible resolution
- Documentation regarding that incident and the outcome will be kept on record
- All parties involved will receive written notification as to the outcome of the incident
- In very serious circumstances, a warning letter may be issued
- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution such as the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.

As the parent/caregiver of a student at Sacred Heart Girls' College who is representing the school in a sport or event this year, I acknowledge that I have read the above code of conduct, and I agree to abide by it.