

Student Code of Conduct



At Lavalla Catholic College we recognise that effective learning can only occur in a secure environment where the dignity, rights and responsibilities of others are known and respected and where standards and rules are fairly and consistently applied.

This Student Code of Conduct has been developed to clearly set out standards of behaviour that students are expected to abide by.

Managing the Student Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility between students, parents / guardians and the College. All students and families have ready access to support offered by Staff and College Safeguarding Officers.

Rights and Responsibilities of Students

Students are expected to uphold the principles of Lavalla Catholic College.

They are:

- **Excellence** – in your schoolwork, extracurricular, sporting and other personal endeavours
- **Respect** – for your teachers, parents, peers and other members of the College community
- **Courtesy** – for everyone you interact with
- **Pride** - in yourself and the way you represent the College
- **Personal Responsibility** – for your actions
- **Integrity** – honesty and candour in all your dealings
- **Sensitivity** – avoid causing offence or hurt
- **Tolerance** – for others, regardless of their background, age, race, gender, sexuality, religion or race
- **Inclusion** – of all those who decide to come to Lavalla Catholic College, and those in the community.

These values are to be upheld in the way you conduct yourself not only at the College, but also in the community.

Students are expected to observe and uphold this statement of rights and responsibilities:

You have the **right** to:

- reach your full learning potential in a safe and supportive environment
- be safe
- be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness
- be an active part of and contribute positively to the community
- be treated fairly and justly
- have your human rights, and other legal rights respected.

You have the **responsibility** to:

- enable others to learn in a safe and supportive environment
- follow College policies, procedures and the directions of teachers at all times
- treat others with respect, courtesy and kindness

- represent the College well in the community
- accept and consider the consequences of your actions
- respect the human rights and legal rights of others.

Consequences for Breaching the Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to abide by College rules and the policies of the College, as well as the directions of teachers.

A breach of this Student Code of Conduct, College rules or policy will be dealt with in accordance with our **Student Discipline Policy**.

Raising Concerns About Safety

Students are provided with information about and encouraged to use multiple pathways to raise child safety concerns about or at the College, including concerns about the behaviour of other students. These include formal and informal ways, an 'anonymous' way, and the external child advocacy or child safety organisations.

If a student has concerns about their safety, or the behaviour of others, it's important that they tell a trusted adult. This could be a parent or guardian, a trusted teacher or a Child Safeguarding Officer.

Our Staff are committed to ensuring that all students feel empowered to speak up and be heard, and will take all concerns raised by students seriously and ensure that the student receives ongoing support.