

SAFE COLLEGE

Kiara College operates in the belief that all students have the right to learn in a safe, caring and productive learning environment.

Students, teaching staff, Administrators and visiting members of the community have the right to feel safe at all times and the responsibility to collaboratively support a positive learning environment.

Kiara College has a strong commitment to pastoral care. In addition to teaching staff and educational assistants who support students in the classroom, there are a number of Student Services staff who provide information, guidance and counselling on issues ranging from social skills, cultural identity and health and hygiene concerns. Students can make appointments to discuss their concerns. Staff may refer concerns to Student Services and the Student Services Team will run programs for identified students.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Public Displays of Affection

This set of guidelines was created in the interests of good taste, consideration of others and exemplary role modelling.

Kiara College is a public place and public displays of affection (PDA) can serve to make many students and staff members uncomfortable.

Those engaging in public displays of affection are often not aware that others do not wish to see them being intimate.

It is not a matter of 'right or wrong'; it is a matter of what is appropriate behaviour for particular settings.

Kiara College hopes that students care for one another in the context of a positive and caring College setting.

This can often be expressed in friendly hugs, pats on the back or shoulders, handshakes and other forms of physical contact that are wholesome and appropriate.

All such contact should be open and inclusive within a social group to be acceptable.

Be Respectful

- Address others in a courteous manner e.g., use "please" and "thank you".
- Listen while the teacher is speaking to the class.
- Treat other students and their property in a respectful way – e.g. **no bullying**.

Be Responsible

- Try to resolve conflicts in an acceptable way.
- Keep the College free of litter.
- Use appropriate language – e.g. no swearing.

Be Ready

- Come to class on time.
- Come to class with the appropriate equipment.
- Be ready to learn.

Student Drivers

Students are required to have a permit to park their car at the College. The permit needs to be displayed on the dashboard of the car at all times.

- Students apply to the Associate Principal for an "Application to Become a Registered Driver".
- Students are permitted to park their car in the designated bays **outside** the College gates.

Major breaches of the Student Code

When a student commits a major breach of the Student Code, a formal process or contract may be implemented immediately.

COLLEGE RULES

It is expected that all teachers will respond to students breaking College rules. It is also understood that there will be a range of consequences for these behaviours, depending on the individual student and circumstances.

1. Defiance - refusing to follow lawful instructions.
2. Threats - verbal and physical threats to staff and/or other students.
3. Physical and verbal abuse of staff or other students.
4. Malicious damage to property - this includes misuse of equipment.
5. Criminal act - any illegal activity will be reported to Police.
6. Racial abuse or vilification.