




# Parent and Community Code of Conduct

Supporting learning, wellbeing and safety in our school

We welcome parents<sup>1</sup> and other members of our diverse community into our school. Our school values developing a Community of Kindness as one of our core 'bee-leaves' of Birkdale South. Parents, we invite you to be part of building a culture of Care through explicitly and intentionally working together to show a Community of Kindness.

It is essential that in working together with the school community<sup>2</sup>, school staff support the learning and wellbeing of every student, and our school community acknowledge that staff are entitled to a safe work environment and students are entitled to a safe learning environment.

Parents and other visitors to our school support safety by ensuring their communications and conduct at the school and school activities is respectful towards students (own child and other children), staff and wider community.

	It is expected that parents and visitors to our school will:	Parents and visitors to our school demonstrate this by:
 <p><b>Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be polite to others</li> <li>• act as positive role models</li> <li>• recognise and respect personal differences</li> <li>• use the school's communication process to address concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using polite spoken and written language</li> <li>• speaking and behaving respectfully at all times</li> <li>• being compassionate when interacting with others</li> <li>• informing staff if the behaviour of others is negatively impacting them or their family</li> <li>• respecting staff time by accepting they will respond to appropriate communication when they are able</li> <li>• requesting a meeting to discuss any concerns about their child's education – allowing staff time to prepare and appreciating their time may be limited</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Collaboration</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (parents) ensure their child attends school ready to learn</li> <li>• support the Student Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• taking responsibility for their child arriving and departing school safely on time every day</li> <li>• reading and encouraging their child to understand and follow the Student Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
 <p><b>School Culture</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognise every student is important to us</li> <li>• contribute to a positive school culture</li> <li>• work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns</li> <li>• respect people's privacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• valuing each child's education</li> <li>• acknowledging staff are responsible for supporting the whole school community</li> <li>• speaking positively about the school and its staff</li> <li>• not making negative comments or gossiping about other school community members, including students – in person, in writing or on social media</li> <li>• understanding, at times, compromises may be necessary</li> <li>• considering the privacy of all school community members at all times, and understanding that the school cannot share confidential information.</li> </ul>

Thank you for working together to ensure we build a "Community of Kindness".

Amanda Turnbull  
PRINCIPAL

<sup>1</sup> The term 'parent' refers to parents, carers, guardians and people who exercise parental responsibility for a child.

<sup>2</sup> The term 'school community' refers to staff, students, parents, local business and community organisations and visitors to the school.