

Fairfield School Code of Conduct for Parents/Visitors

A code of conduct for parents and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff and parents are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child.
- Express concern about actions of other students impacting on their child.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. **At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff** in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

No parent will directly approach another person's child at school, or at a school event for the purpose of questioning them or disciplining them.

The school will deal with issues between students as part of their Behaviour Management and Health and Safety policies.

If you have a concern about anything to do with someone else's child, whose behaviour you perceive to be impacting on your child, you must organise a time to talk with staff about it.

Parents and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- When possible, make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain a meeting time.
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- Understand that teachers will not disclose personal information about other students/families.

All communication will be dealt with in a calm, mature manner.

Behaviour in the presence of students, staff and parents that causes alarm or concern includes:

- Use of offensive/aggressive language (i.e. swearing, putdowns, name calling) face to face, by telephone and online communication.
- Intimidating behaviour towards students or their parents.

We need to review an issue from all perspectives.

By following these procedures, problems will be solved as soon as possible so that a safe harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results come from working together. It is also to keep parents, as well as students and teachers safe.

A breach of the Fairfield School Code of Conduct will result in the event being reviewed and could lead to further action from the BOT.