



# Macarthur Girls High School

## APPENDIX 6

### CODE OF PRACTICE

Macarthur Girls High School rules are expressed in terms of responsibilities which each member of the school community is expected to honour appropriately. All the rules are based on the principle that every teacher has the right to teach and every student has the right to learn in a safe, positive environment. As a member of the school community your rights are also your responsibility to others.

Positive Interactions	Safe Environment
<b>I have the responsibility to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be involved in learning</li><li>• treat others courteously and with respect</li><li>• make school a safe place by not hitting, threatening or abusing anyone in any way</li><li>• be punctual and attend regularly</li><li>• respect other people's property by not stealing, damaging or destroying it.</li></ul>	<b>I have the responsibility to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• behave in a manner that earns community respect</li><li>• wear full school uniform each day</li><li>• care for the school environment by keeping it clean and well presented to support both the natural and manmade environment</li><li>• report any damage to school property to the staff</li><li>• ensure that no cigarettes/drugs/alcohol/weapons are used or brought onto school premises</li></ul>

Consistent implementation of these will give you self-respect, and the respect of your peers, teachers and the school community. It may also result in peer and school awards. Consistent failure to implement these will result in a range of management strategies and consequences being implemented.

#### Student Responsibilities

- Movement around school should be as quiet as possible and with consideration for others.
- Students who are feeling unwell need to report to Reception, with signed permission from their teacher.
- Pupils should line up when at the canteen.
- Smoking is not permitted on the school property, on excursions, or by pupils in school uniform on their way to or from school.
- The following items are not permitted at school:
  - alcohol or drugs, knives, guns or other weapons (Police will be involved automatically and student suspended)
  - cigarette lighters, matches or cigarettes
  - chewing gum
  - liquid paper and thinners
  - permanent felt tipped pens
  - aerosol cans, e.g. deodorants
  - long acrylic nails
- No responsibility will be taken for the theft or damage to mobile phones or electronic equipment (e.g. iPods, iPads, laptops, etc.) or other valuables brought to school.
- Electronic devices are not to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school in any way. (Refer to the Macarthur Girls Electronics Devices Policy for details on the School Intranet).