

Student Code of Conduct

Alta-1 College:

- Explicitly forbids the use of any form of child abuse, corporal punishment, or other degrading punishment and provides clear guidance to all members of the school community about what forms of behaviour management, discipline or punishment are permitted,
- Prohibits bullying, harassment, and other forms of peer-to-peer abuse,
- Requires respect for the privacy and human dignity of other students,
- Expects all students to be engaged with their own personal recovery journey.

Students have a right to:

- Feel safe within the school.
- Learn in a stimulating environment to the best of their ability.
- Be treated with respect by other students and teachers.
- Be listened to.

Students have a responsibility to:

- Engage with the Personal Recovery course.
- Demonstrate a willingness to change, and actively engage in this process.
- Accept and comply with school policies regarding positive behaviour.
- Act and work co-operatively with other students and teachers.
- Respect the learning needs of all students.
- Take progressive responsibility for their own learning, to work consistently and complete tasks as required.
- Be inclusive of differences such as race, culture, identity, and ability.
- Be punctual and regular in attendance.
- Discuss with parents their educational progress and to ensure that all school communication is effectively delivered.
- To accept responsibility for their actions, and work with staff to make the necessary changes.

Caregivers have a right to:

- Expect that their children can interact and learn in a safe, positive, supportive, and secure environment.
- Be informed of matters regarding your child.
- Be involved in developing strategies for student engagement and learning.

Parents/guardians have a responsibility to:

- Encourage my child to observe school rules in partnership with the college.
- work co-operatively with the College to solve problems.
- provide support for staff in my child's engagement and learning.
- communicate relevant information and concerns to the College.

Attendance:

Students:

- The expectation is that students will attend school every day (depending on the program they are enrolled in) unless they are unwell. We understand that the journey to recovery can be challenging and that students may struggle to attend. Staff will follow up with parent/ guardian when a student is absent. Alta-1 will work with families/ caregivers and students to assist with engagement and attendance.
- Students who are going to be absent from school must provide explanations from their parents/ guardians. Absentees due to medical reasons will require a medical certificate after 2 consecutive days of absence.
- Students may not leave school grounds without the permission from parent/ guardian and communication with the teacher. A reason for a student leaving must be provided to staff.
- Parents will receive notification when students are off site such as excursions and extracurricular activities.

Alcohol and Drugs

Students must not:

- Bring, consume, or distribute alcohol or any illegal drugs on School property or during a College organised event,
- smoke or consume alcohol or illicit drugs at College, on College excursions, in transit between College and home,
- must not attend College, or other functions as a representative of the College whilst under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs, or other substances harmful to health.

The consequences for breaching the Student Code of Conduct will depend on the severity and / or regularity of the breach and range from contacting the student's parents to assist in resolving the breach, or the student making restitution for damage or offence caused, through to being placed on a behaviour contract, or, in serious and/or repeated breaches, exiting the program until alternative arrangements can be made.

Student actions

If students are in a situation where they feel unsafe, we encourage them to speak with a staff member. For example:



- Report to a staff member their own or anyone else's breach of the Student Code of Conduct. All information will be acted upon and treated fairly.
- If the student is reporting the breach of someone else, his/her/their name will not be revealed by any staff member.
- If the breach relates to a member of staff, students have the right to discuss with another member of staff or the Regional Principal. Formal complaints can be made through the Alta-1 website.
- At the commencement of enrolment at Alta-1 College all students will sign the agreement below. This Student Code of Conduct applies to all students enrolled at Alta-1 College.
- I will:
 - Engage with the Personal Recovery and Community Building course
 - Demonstrate a willingness to make changes that enables my recovery journey
 - Attend regularly
 - Cooperate with all staff
 - Respect all students and staff and their rights
 - Use all College and Partner Church resources with respect

A signed copy is to be kept on student file.

A signed copy is to be retained by the student.