



St Pat's Way - Parents

St Patrick's is a Catholic College, our core values are:

- Faith - living by gospel values
- Respect
- Justice
- Integrity
- Diversity – promoting inclusion and celebrating difference
- Responsibility – responsibility for self and the best interest of the community

As an enrolling parent at St Patrick's College, you are entering into partnership to work together to educate students to become the best version of themselves and positive contributors to local and global communities. Parents are the first educators of students; as such the values and expectations of the parents need to be aligned with the values of the College.

We Believe as a Community	We Commit as a College	You Commit as a Parent
<p>Students learn best when there is mutual trust and respect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To communicate concerns in a timely and respectful manner to parents/carers. -To follow the BCE Staff Code of Conduct and act in accordance with AITSL professional standards for teachers. -To speak and behave respectfully at all times, both in face to face, phone contact and in digital communication (email and social media). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To support the school in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment while following the school's behaviour guidelines. -To speak and behave respectfully at all times, both in face to face, phone contact and in digital communication (email and social media). -To disclose fully and accurately any information required by the school in its enrolment process and commit to further update this information as required.
<p>Student and family confidentiality are important.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To being confidential with sensitive issues raised regarding members of our College community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To maintain the confidentiality of communication around students and respect that the College is bound by confidentiality; the College cannot always disclose details such as consequences to families. -To report issues of Safeguarding (details available via Parent Portal) to the appropriate channels i.e. SPC Student Protection Officers.
<p>Student learning happens in partnership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To clearly communicate with you regarding your child's education and development. -To treat parents as partners in your child's education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To support your child to attend school every day and actively participate in their classroom learning. -To be an active stakeholder in your child's education, including; responding to College communication, assisting them to be ready for learning each day with the correct items (including their fully charged laptop) and in the correct uniform. -To communicate with the College any developments that may impact your child's learning.
<p>Student learning is strengthened when students feel safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To follow BCE, State and Federal Government mandates in safeguarding children. -To uphold and comply with applicable laws, policies and procedures at a diocesan, state and federal level (including Safeguarding and Workplace Health and Safety). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To be compassionate when interacting with others. -To raise concerns at the level that is appropriate, for example starting with the classroom teacher or homeroom teacher. -To expect your child to follow the student behaviour expectations (outlined in the SPC Way - Students) and supporting the College in following procedures when they do not meet this expectation. - To model safe behaviour; violent language and aggressive behaviours will not be tolerated.
<p>Technology plays an integral role in a contemporary education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To monitor and balance student use of laptops for appropriate educational purposes. -To uphold the College mobile phone policy. -To provide opportunities for education about safe technology use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To monitor and balance student technology use outside of school hours. As first educators and the person who has care of them outside school hours, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure technology use is safe and legal. -To communicate with students during school hours via the College office, not directly to student mobiles. -To support the maintenance and correct use of student laptop devices.