**Student Behaviour Management Policy**

**Rationale**

Chevalier College exists to proclaim and witness to the love of God, and to make the Gospel values real in the lives of young people and their families. Each person at Chevalier College, made in ‘the image and likeness of God’, has real worth and dignity.

Thus, student behaviour management at Chevalier College is to be conducted as an expression of the College’s loving care for each student and for the whole school community. The climate of the College will be heart-centred, compassionate, respectful and built on meaningful relationships.

To be a registered non-government school, it is a requirement to have disciplinary procedures that are based on principles of procedural fairness.

**Key Legislation**

- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW) (the Care and Protection Act)
- Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012 (NSW) (the WWC Act)
- Ombudsman Act 1974 (NSW) (the Ombudsman Act)
- Education Act

The above legislation is not meant to be exhaustive. No reliance should be placed on the non-identification of a particular piece of legislation to support an inference that behaviour which may be prohibited or controlled under that non-identified legislation, is implicitly or tacitly not forbidden by the College.

**Aims**

This Policy aims to instruct College staff and the wider community on the College’s expectations when managing student behaviour.

**Scope**

This Policy applies to all staff and those visiting the College and/or at College events.

**Definitions**

**College Event**

All events on college premises and college endorsed events off-site including interstate and overseas excursions, that involve college staff or students including travel to and from such events.

**Staff**

Any person performing a duty at the College or at a College event as an employee or volunteer.

**Corporal Punishment**

The application of physical force to punish or correct the student, but not including the application of force to prevent personal injury to, or damage to or the destruction of property of, any person (including the student).
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The College prohibits the use of corporal punishment. Corporal punishment is not to be administered in any circumstances. This policy is to be appropriately communicated to all staff and, where necessary to those visiting the College.

Students are required to abide by the College expectations and requirements, and to follow the directions of staff and other people with authority delegated by the College.

Where a student does not meet the College’s expectations and requirements, disobeys instructions or otherwise engages in conduct that causes or may cause harm, inconvenience or embarrassment to the College, staff members or other students, the student may be subject to sanctions as decided by the College. Students may be subject to sanctions outside school hours and off school premises if there is a distinct connection between their conduct and the College.

The College will implement student behaviour management procedures that meet the College objectives of:

- procedural fairness
- seeking to protect personal and community safety
- compassion
- healing destructive behaviour
- encouraging reconciliation
- enhancing well-being
- fostering responsibility and accountability
- enabling personal growth
- positive and affirming relationships

College staff will manage student behaviour to meet these objectives and will encourage behaviour that supports the following:

- All members of the College community are treated with courtesy and respect
- All members of the College community can work in a safe and secure environment
- All members of the College community can enjoy a clean and tidy environment
- Learning and teaching can take place with minimal disruption
- College property and the property of individuals are treated with respect
- Conduct, both on and off campus, brings credit to the individual, their family and friends, and the College

Behaviour management should not be based solely on legalism but take into account individual needs and circumstances.

Termination of enrolment is seen as a last resort only, undertaken for the welfare of the whole community and not as an act of personal punishment.

Related Documents

Student Behaviour Management Procedure
Student Behaviour Code

End of Policy