CODE OF RESPONSIBLE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Safety
Keep yourself and others safe

Movement
Move safely and sensibly around the school

Respect
Respect and treat others the way you want to be treated “as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise” Luke 6:31

Communication
Communicate appropriately with others “let your speech always be with grace” Col 4:6

Learning
Take responsibility for your own learning. Give teachers the opportunity to teach, and other students the opportunity to learn

Problem Solving
Solve conflict or difficult situations sensibly in the spirit of Christ

SCHOOL YARD RULES

YELLOW RULES are intended for minor undesirable behaviours in the yard.

Students are given a consequence if they:

- engage in rough/unsafe play
- play in toilets
- climb trees
- interfere with the play of others
- run in designated walking areas
- are in classrooms without supervision
- tease (silly, low level verbal harassment)
- talk or interact with students when placed in a ‘sit-out’ area
- litter or do not eat in the correct places
- engage in water play
- are out of bounds
- do not have a hat

RED RULES are intended for major behavioural issues in the yard.

Students are sent to the Office if they are engaged in any of the following behaviours:

- harmful or dangerous play
- violence
- abuse or insolence towards others, including not following a reasonable request by a staff member
- bullying or wilful harassment
- deliberate destruction or misuse of property
- throwing objects in a dangerous manner
- leaving the College grounds without permission
At Heritage College we aim to:
- create a safe, happy spiritually-focused environment where each member of the school community feels supported, valued and respected
- maintain a productive learning environment where children are able to learn and teachers are able to teach effectively
- encourage students to achieve their potential through a range of learning experiences
- develop responsibility and a Christ-like attitude in students
- encourage respect for authority and the standards of the College
- empower students through teaching Biblical principles and skills in problem solving and conflict resolution
- develop consistency in behaviour management from Reception to Year 12
- build a strong partnership between parents, staff and students

POSITIVE STRATEGIES to encourage responsible behaviour:
- encourage students to realise the value of appropriate behaviour
- give verbal encouragement
- provide positive comments on students' work
- promote student participation in class and school decision making
- encourage the development of special interests and academic strengths through various competitions and extra curricular activities

CONSEQUENCES for irresponsible behaviour in class:
- low level responses (non-verbal messages, rule reminders, defusing potential incidents, giving choices etc)
- formal warning
- 'time out' in class and/or buddy class
- detention after class
- withdrawal from lessons / 'time out' in office
- behaviour contract & monitoring
- suspension

for irresponsible behaviour in the yard:
- rule reminder(s)
- sit out for a specified period
- 'community service' tasks (e.g., clean up)
- lunchtime detention (for middle Primary & Secondary students only)
- 'time out' in office
- suspension

RESPONSIBILITIES

STAFF
- negotiate and display class rules
- reinforce positive behaviour
- build on student/staff relationships
- model appropriate and expected behaviours
- provide consistency in practice and methodology
- use self evaluation in all aspects of teaching
- communicate with parents

SENIOR STAFF
- promote a supportive and caring school ethos
- ensure a consistent approach to behaviour management
- communicate extensively with all levels of the College community
- follow up on student behaviour matters

PARENTS
- encourage and support children with their learning
- communicate any concerns about behaviour issues to the College
- model appropriate and expected behaviours
- support the College's consequences for irresponsible behaviour
- attend behaviour meetings if required

STUDENTS
- respect other people and their property
- learn and play safely
- treat others the way they would like to be treated
- follow College rules at all times