



## 1 Purpose

Brisbane Girls Grammar School (the School) exists as a place where a broad, liberal education is provided in an inclusive and cooperative environment. To develop such an environment, it is necessary to provide more than facilities and teachers; the School must foster an atmosphere that supports the development of the mind, body and character. It is most important, therefore, that all associated with the life of the School regard themselves and other persons with dignity and respect, and understand the importance of cooperating in a community with many diverse interests, but a common concern for the wellbeing of all of its members.

## 2 Key principles

- (a) It is expected by the School that each student will cooperate to the fullest extent possible in taking responsibility for her own progress by being punctual and by diligent and careful preparation for, and participation in, all the classes she attends. It is particularly important that no student, either through neglect or lack of concern, interferes with the rights of others to pursue their courses. Therefore, irresponsible behaviour in school or during class, or the defiance of the authority of a teacher, will not be tolerated.
- (b) Cleanliness and tidiness are the overriding factors in a student's appearance and an outward sign of respect for herself and others. It is a requirement of the School that the School uniform (as outlined in the *Uniform Policy*) be worn to all School functions and sporting fixtures, unless students are otherwise directed by staff. All uniform items must be clean and kept in good repair.
- (c) As it is essential that each student develop a respect for herself as a person and as a member of the School community, each student must conduct herself at all times in a manner which will not detract from her own reputation or reduce that of other members of the School. Students are expected to treat others with respect and kindness – online and in person – and bullying and intimidation are regarded as completely unacceptable behaviours (as outlined in the *Promoting Positive Relationships Policy*). Students should not display intimate physical expressions of affection towards others on campus or in public spaces. A student does not have the right to conduct herself in such a way as is likely to offend others. Offensive behaviour will not be tolerated, whether it be physical assault, the use of offensive language, smoking, vaping, drinking of alcohol, gambling, stealing, cheating, the possession of non-medically prescribed drugs (as detailed in the Medication Policy) or the injury of others. As some of these offences are also against the law, offenders may be asked to leave the School or reported to Queensland Police Service.
- (d) Another serious offence is the mistreatment of the property of others, including vandalism and graffiti of School property. Such behaviour reveals a lack of concern for the owners of that property, whether these be individuals, the School as a whole, or the community. This behavior will not be tolerated.
- (e) The School offers a wide range of courses, activities and sporting pursuits. While no student could participate in all activities on offer, it is expected that each girl should take part in as many as possible and encourage the involvement of her fellow students.
- (f) When a student accepts membership of a School team, club or society, she accepts all the commitments involved in that membership. Not to do so is a mark of little respect towards the other members of the group concerned.
- (g) All students must recognise that there are certain legal responsibilities involved in attendance at the School. Except in the case of illness, a student must be in attendance on all days on which the School is open, unless leave has been granted by the Principal (or delegate). Students must not leave the grounds for any purpose during the school day without permission from the Principal (or delegate). Each student is expected to abide by the administrative requirements which are designed to promote the smooth functioning of school life.
- (h) In matters which are not specifically covered by the above code or any other School regulation, members of the School will observe the principles outlined above concerning the dignity of each person, respect for others and their property and of mutual cooperation within the School community.

*Being enrolled at the School implies acceptance of the above Code of Behaviour.*