



Parents & Carers Commitment Code

Parents and carers play a crucial role in the education, social and faith development of their children. At Xavier Catholic College we have a wonderful body of parents and carers who are involved in many aspects of school life. As a result, we have obtained a very high standard of education and civic responsibility in our students and this is highly valued by all members of our community.

Rationale

The Parents and Carers Commitment Code has been developed to clearly articulate the expectations and aspirations for our school community.

The Code highlights the importance of the partnership between school staff, families and members of the wider community for the benefit of the students at school and reflects the school's mission and vision.

The Code recognises and respects the diversity of individuals in a learning community and emphasises the importance of the role parents have as educators.

As Parents and Carers:

We Are All Individuals:

- We accept that others may have different views, opinions and values.
- We foster individual talents and accept differences in children.
- We maintain confidentiality when dealing with issues related to other people's children.
- We accept and abide by decisions made by the staff as being professional, discrete and based on the best interests of all parties.
- We encourage our children to accept responsibility for their own action and encourage them to be learning risk-takers.
- We use appropriate channels and protocols to discuss concerns relating to children as set out in the Anti-bullying and Responsible Behaviour Policies.

We Value Teamwork:

- We accept that we have a major role to play in the education of our children.
- We value staff as professionals and recognise the strong partnership between home and school.
- We are active members of the school by attending Parent/Teacher Meetings, supporting the co-curricular program and major school events including Information Nights and Celebration Nights.
- We celebrate the educational and co-curricular successes of all students.
- We maintain regular communication through school by reading the school newsletter, checking Student Planners, utilising the Parent Portal and initiating conversations with staff.

We Are Responsible Citizens:

- We value the Catholic ethos of the school and support the Religious Education Program.
- We are respectful and welcoming of people from other religious traditions.
- We demonstrate our commitment to Catholic Education in the Ignatian Tradition through embracing the Touchstones: Conscience, Competence, Compassion and Commitment.
- We treat all other community members with dignity and respect.
- We set an appropriate example in matters of language and behaviour when at school, sport or any event associated with the College.
- We ensure regular and punctual attendance of our children at school.
- We ensure that our children are well nourished and well rested to maximize learning potential.
- We understand the importance of the Retreat and Camp program and commit that our children will attend.
- We encourage community involvement for our children.

We Aim/We Achieve:

- We uphold the high expectations of the school community as outlined in the School's Vision and Mission Statement.
- We accept that we have a leadership role within the school especially as learning role-models and through parent groups.
- We show and encourage a passion for learning.
- We accept and embrace educational initiatives provided by the school.

