



SOUTHERN CROSS
GRAMMAR

Student Code of Conduct

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1. Purpose

At Southern Cross Grammar (SCG), the Student Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviours and responsibilities of all students from Foundation to Year 12. It ensures that SCG remains a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environment for everyone. This Code promotes positive behaviour and mutual respect, and supports students in developing responsibility, kindness, and integrity. It aims to ensure that every student feels included, supported, and empowered to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

2. Scope

This Code applies to all enrolled students from Foundation to Year 12. It sets the behavioural expectations for students in all aspects of school life, including:

- During class time and structured learning activities
- On school grounds during recess, lunch, and transition times
- When participating in co-curricular programs, camps, excursions, and sports
- While representing the School at external events or in the community
- In all online and digital communication associated with School learning
- While travelling to and from school, including on public or school-provided transport

The Code applies whenever a student can be reasonably identified as a member of the Southern Cross Grammar community. This includes during school hours, at school-related events or excursions, in online environments, and in out-of-school settings where behaviour may impact the safety, wellbeing, or rights of others, significantly disrupt the school environment, or cause serious reputational harm to the School.

3. Principles and Values

At Southern Cross Grammar, every student is expected to live by our School values, which shape how we learn, interact, and contribute to our community. These values help create a safe, respectful, and supportive environment where everyone can thrive. As SCG students, we aim to:

- **Be Kind**
Show empathy, care, and respect to others in our words and actions.
- **Be Trustworthy**
Act honestly and responsibly. Keep promises, follow rules, and be someone others can depend on.
- **Be Ethical**
Make fair and respectful choices, even when no one is watching. Stand up for what is right.
- **Be Enterprising**
Take initiative, try new things, and look for creative ways to solve problems and reach your goals.
- **Be Hopeful**
Stay positive, resilient, and open to learning from challenges. Help build a better future for yourself and others.

These values guide the way we behave at school, online, and in the wider community as proud SCG students.

4. SCG Rights - Mutual Respect

At Southern Cross Grammar, every student is an important member of our school community. Alongside our shared values, it is essential that all students understand the rights they have and the responsibilities that come with them. These rights help create a school environment that is safe, fair, and inclusive for everyone.

The following outlines the key rights all students are entitled to at SCG, built on the foundation of mutual respect. Every student, teacher, and staff member has a role in upholding these rights every day.



RIGHT TO LEARN

Every student has the right to learn in a focused, supportive environment. All community members contribute to maintaining a respectful and inclusive space where learning is prioritised.



RIGHT TO SAFETY

We are committed to a safe physical and emotional environment for all. Our policies and actions aim to prevent harm, support mental health, and protect everyone from bullying, harassment, or any form of discrimination.



RIGHT TO INCLUSION

SCG welcomes and celebrates diversity. We uphold the rights of all community members, regardless of background, to be treated with dignity and respect. Everyone has the responsibility to promote inclusion by understanding and valuing differences.



RIGHT TO RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

We share the responsibility to respect our school's property and resources. This includes the appropriate use of facilities and equipment to ensure a safe and organised learning environment.

5. Expected Student Behaviour

5.1 Learning Behaviour

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Be punctual, prepared, and ready to learn.
- Complete tasks to the best of their ability.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Participate actively and respectfully in lessons.

5.2 Behaviour Towards Others

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Speak politely and listen to others.
- Avoid any form of bullying, teasing, or harassment.
- Include others in games and group activities.
- Use peaceful ways to solve problems and ask a teacher for help if needed.

- Report concerns, bullying or unsafe behaviour to a trusted adult.
- Follow school rules and the instructions of staff.
- Respect the differences and rights of others.
- Take responsibility for their actions and their impact.

5.3 Respect for Property

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Look after their own belongings.
- Respect school property and facilities.
- Use resources responsibly and return borrowed items.
- Take responsibility for cleaning up after themselves and help keep classrooms and school grounds neat and tidy.

5.4 Uniform and Personal Appearance

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Adhere to the Uniform policy at all times, including when travelling to and from School, at School, and when attending events where they are representing the School.
- Keep hair tidy and off the face.
- Avoid inappropriate jewellery or accessories.

5.5 Digital Technology and Social Media

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Use digital devices responsibly for learning purposes.
- Follow teacher instructions.
- Never engage in online bullying, sexting, or harassment.
- Avoid accessing or sharing offensive, illegal, or inappropriate content.
- Refrain from using personal social media accounts to communicate with staff. All communication with School staff should occur through School approved platforms.
- Never share personal information online.

5.6 Health, Safety and Wellbeing

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Act safely and responsibly at all times.
- Report unsafe behaviour or hazards.
- Seek help when feeling unwell, anxious, or unsafe.
- Behave in a way that promotes their safety and that of others.
- Comply with all school health, emergency, and safety procedures.
- Not bring or use prohibited substances (e.g. drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vapes) at school or school events.

5.7 Student Support and Conflict Resolution

At Southern Cross Grammar, students are expected to:

- Talk respectfully with those involved.
- Speak to a teacher, Year Level Leader, or another trusted adult.
- Resolve disagreements peacefully and respectfully.
- Engage in restorative conversations to rebuild trust and respect.

5.8 General Examples of Expected Behaviour

- Sportsmanship: In sporting contexts, students are expected to display good sportsmanship, including respecting opponents and officials.
- Bus: Students must wait for the bus in an orderly manner, ensure the bus has stopped completely before boarding, follow the directions of drivers, and take responsibility for their own actions.

6. Breaches and Consequences

At SCG, we believe that making mistakes is part of learning. When behaviour doesn't meet expectations, we help students understand the impact of their actions and how to make things right.

If something goes wrong, the School will:

- Listen to everyone involved before making a decision.
- Be fair, respectful, and age-appropriate in how we respond.
- Let parents or carers know when needed.
- Support students to learn from the situation and make better choices next time.

Depending on what happened, consequences might include:

- A conversation with a teacher or leader regarding the student's behaviour.
- Time to reflect or complete a restorative task.
- Detentions, loss of privileges, withdrawal of events or being asked to take a break from an activity.
- Meetings with parents or carers.
- A Behaviour Support Plan or formal consequences such as suspension or expulsion in accordance with school policies.

In serious or repeated cases, a student's enrolment may be suspended or cancelled. This decision is made by the Principal and may happen when:

- A student does not follow school rules or expectations.
- There is ongoing serious misbehaviour or poor attendance.

We always aim to help students take responsibility, learn from their choices, and grow in a safe and respectful school community.

All consequences are applied with consideration for the age, developmental stage, and individual circumstances of the student, in line with the school's commitment to restorative practices and procedural fairness.

7. Related Policies and Resources

- SCG Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- SCG Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy
- SCG Behaviour Management Policy
- SCG Uniform Policy

8. Evaluation

This Code will be reviewed every two years or earlier if required, to ensure it remains relevant and effective. As part of the review process, feedback may be invited from students and parents to help inform any updates.

Any proposed amendments must be endorsed by the Principal and formally approved by the School Board.

9. Code Implementation

The Student Code is communicated to students and their families upon enrolment, and at other times as required by the School. It is consistently reinforced through the School's wellbeing programs, assemblies, and pastoral care initiatives.

Students are regularly reminded of their responsibilities and are encouraged to seek support whenever needed, fostering a culture of accountability, respect, and care.

All current policies, including the Student Code, are available to students and families via Schoolbox.