

Parent

Code of Conduct



Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision

Our Vision at Dale is to offer affordable, quality education within the framework of a Christ-Centred Biblical World View as we strive to equip our students with skills and strong values that encourage them to pursue excellence in all areas.

Mission

Every student at Dale Christian College will clearly hear the claims of Christ on their life through management, curriculum, and teaching practices and see the love of God at work in the College community.

Core Values

At Dale Christian College, our focus is on digging wells of wisdom and truth instead of building fences of exclusion. As staff, we pledge to infuse Christian principles into our activities and educational approaches, aiming to illuminate Christ's light in our community by embodying our core values in practical ways.



Honouring God and the Bible

- We commit to centering our practices and teachings on a Christ-focused biblical worldview. Our reverence for God and His Word permeates our daily devotions and curriculum. We work towards cultivating a community that seeks to Glorify God in all things.
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)



Respect: Others & Ourselves

- Respect is crucial in our college community, mirroring God's view of each individual as His beloved creation. Shown through courteous communication and acknowledging inherent value, we foster a Christ-centred, nurturing environment.
"So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)



Stewardship & Responsibility

- We instill responsibility in our students through the care of College resources and personal belongings. Leadership roles and community service opportunities foster a sense of duty and environmental responsibility, aligning with our commitment to stewardship of God's creation.
"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." (Luke 16:10)



Justice & Mercy

- Our College maintains just rules and consequences, echoing Jesus' teachings of justice and mercy. We inspire students to pursue fairness and exhibit compassion in their interactions, cultivating a community that values both justice and forgiveness. Students are encouraged to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)



Pursuing Excellence

- At Dale Christian College, excellence transcends academics, focusing on personal growth in line with Christian teachings. We celebrate progress, embrace a growth mindset, and view mistakes as learning opportunities, encouraging efforts as if serving the Lord.
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3:23-24)

Introduction

At Dale Christian College, we recognize the vital role parents play in the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of their children. Our commitment is to ensure that all children feel happy, safe, and secure, maximizing their learning opportunities. As valued members of our College community, parents are expected to conduct themselves in a lawful, ethical, safe, and responsible manner, respecting the rights of others and the expertise of our staff.

Definition of Parent: For the purpose of this document, 'parent' refers to those responsible for the student, including carers, guardians, and step-parents.

Expectations of Conduct

We encourage all members of the Dale Christian College community, including parents, to embody our values and attitudes. Parents should set a positive example through their behaviour and speech, supporting the aims and objectives of the College, and creating an environment that allows their children to grow up in Christ.

Right to Safety and Respect

All children, staff, and parents have the right to feel safe at the College. It is essential that parents communicate with staff and other parents with respect and courtesy, particularly in the presence of students.

Key Points:

- All communication must be courteous and respectful towards all College staff, including volunteers, teaching, administrative, and support staff.
- Parents and carers should engage with staff in a polite and non-confrontational manner.
- Abusive or threatening communication, via email, SMS, voicemail, phone calls, social media, or other written formats is unacceptable.

Bullying and Harassment

Bullying, harassment, and offensive behaviour are not tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported promptly to teachers or the College Principal to facilitate a fair and reasonable resolution for all parties involved.

Parent-Teacher-Student Relationship

The College values a strong partnership among parents, teachers, and students to provide effective pastoral care.

When concerns arise, parents are encouraged to:

- Approach the situation with cooperation, understanding, and genuine partnership.
- Speak directly to the teacher or adult in charge before accepting their child's version of events.
- Seek clarification from all parties involved to promote peaceful resolution.

Resolution Pathway

Concerns should be addressed following the pathway outlined in our Students & Parents Complaints Management Policy.

Communication with Teachers

Recognizing that the primary focus of teachers is the students in their care, parents should schedule appointments at mutually agreeable times to discuss concerns in detail. Typically, these meetings should occur before school starts in the morning or after school ends in the afternoon.

Smoking and Substance Use

Smoking is strictly prohibited on College grounds and during any College functions. Additionally, members of the community are not permitted to be in possession of, under the influence of, or provide others with alcohol or illegal drugs.

Consequences of Breaches

Breaches of this Parent Code of Conduct will be addressed by the College. Continued or serious violations may lead to parents being banned from College premises, jeopardizing their child's enrolment, or other appropriate measures as determined by the nature of the breach.

Any actions taken will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in fostering a positive and respectful environment at Dale Christian College.

Related Policies

Parent Handbooks

Complaints Policy

Enrolment Application Form



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