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# St Patrick's College

## Student Health and Safety Policy

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## PURPOSE

St Patrick's College is committed to being a community of faith, service and respect in which each member is provided a safe and welcoming environment free from unnecessary and avoidable risks to health and safety. This requires all members of the College community – students, staff, parents and visitors – to be aware of and take appropriate care of and responsibility for their own health and safety as well as the health and safety of others.

This policy is an extension of the College Work Health and Safety Policy. It is framed for students to inform them of the underlying principles and their responsibilities in this very important area.

## POLICY FRAMEWORK

Each student at St Patrick's College is expected to show respect for themselves and others by acting responsibly at all times, complying with instructions and following rules and procedures that have been established to ensure the health and safety of all members of the College community.

## POLICY CONTENT

### *Principles*

- Everyone at the College has the right to feel and be safe and respected.
- Health and safety is the responsibility of everyone in the College, including students, and is a mandated legal Australia wide requirement.
- Many areas of the College have particular safety rules and requirements because of the nature of activities that take place in those areas.
- Health and safety requirements extend to any College organised event occurring beyond the College – curricular and co-curricular.
- The College will continue to review and update health and safety policy and procedures as required.

## POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Health and safety is both an individual and shared responsibility. Every St Patrick's College student is responsible for ensuring that all work and activities inside and beyond the classroom are undertaken in a safe manner and in accordance with instructions, current safety procedures, standards and legal requirements.

Every student therefore has the following responsibilities:

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety.
- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of others by ensuring their conduct does not adversely affect the health and safety of others.
- Promptly comply with instructions and directions given by a staff member.
- Act and encourage others to act safely, responsibly and respectfully at all times.
- Report any unsafe actions or conditions that come to their attention to a teacher or to Student Reception.
- Follow evacuation procedures in a timely and orderly manner in the event of a drill or emergency.

- Strictly adhere to the established safety rules in specialist areas of the College including MDT workshops, Science laboratories, kitchens, PE facilities and Visual and Performing Arts areas.
- Not to run, jostle or throw objects in corridors, classrooms, change rooms or other inappropriate areas.
- Not to engage in inappropriate physical contact with others.
- Observe out of bounds rules and not be in unsupervised areas of the College.
- Keep corridors, doorways and classrooms free of bags and other obstacles.
- Keep lockers locked so swinging locker doors do not endanger others.
- Behave safely on public transport by remaining seated (whenever possible), not making undue noise, not throwing objects and complying with instructions from the driver.
- Not to bring to the College nor make use of any dangerous implements including knives, guns, laser lights and martial arts weapons. This includes replicas (which are treated in the same manner by law).
- Sign in and out when arriving or leaving the College at irregular times.
- Follow all road rules (senior student drivers) and be very conscious of road safety within and around College grounds.

### ***Accountability***

It is an essential requirement that each student is aware of and complies with the health and safety requirements of this policy. Failure to adhere to the requirements may result in a range of consequences from detentions, parent conferences, counselling and community service to suspension, community conferencing with police and consideration of ongoing enrolment.

### **POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated within 24 months of its date of adoption, or sooner if any information, incident, injury, illness, legislative or organisational change that demonstrates the need for policy change.

<b>POLICY DATES</b>			
<b><i>Formulated</i></b>		<b><i>Adopted</i></b>	
<b><i>Implemented</i></b>		<b><i>Reviewed</i></b>	
<b><i>Next Review Due</i></b>	2015		
<b>POLICY AUTHORISATION</b>			
<b><i>Principal</i></b>		<b><i>Signature</i></b>	