



# St Mary MacKillop College

## Parents and our College – Values and Responsibilities

The values and responsibilities outlined below applies to all adults, including parents, guardians, family members, caregivers and visitors. It is expected that all members of the St Mary MacKillop College community adhere to the College's values of **Faith, Inclusion, Respect, Service and Truth**.

**Inclusion:** Show empathy, understanding and sensitivity towards all students, staff and other families in the St Mary MacKillop College Community.

**Communication:** Be polite and respectful when communicating with anyone within the College and wider community.

**Privacy and confidentiality:** Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of students, parents, staff and members of the broader College community, employing only appropriate channels of communication.

**Open mindedness:** Suspend judgement when seeking clarification and listen with curiosity to become better informed during all communications and interactions. Look to provide constructive feedback through appropriate channels wherever appropriate.

**Social Media:** Our society suffers daily from social media posts that are generated in anger or without careful consideration. Use social media and all technology in a respectful way, being mindful that interpretation of a social media post is out of the control of the author, as is the destination to which the post could be passed on. Careful consideration (including discussions with those involved in a given situation) is always wise before sending out a reactionary social media post.

**Role Model:** Support the College Values, rules and behaviour expectations at all College events and where the College is present, for example sporting events and social gatherings. This modelling extends to offering appropriate levels of encouragement and support for your child and other students. While healthy levels of competition amongst students is acceptable, remembering the developmental context of the competition needs to be always kept in mind. Display the courage of our convictions by supporting and upholding the College values.

**Relationships:** Promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the College Community and adhere to the agreements, policies and standards relevant to that relationship.

**Traffic/Safety:** Support traffic rules and other regulations in and around the College to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others.

**Involvement and Engagement:** Encourage and support students to engage in College Faith and Christian Service activities and look to support the St Mary MacKillop College through College and P&F Initiatives.

**Commitment:** Continue to embrace the commitments made to the College at enrolment.