



# Blessed Thomas Holford Parent Code of Conduct

At Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, our community thrives when we work together in the spirit of our shared values: Be Kind, Work Hard, and Develop Your Whole Self. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we are committed to fostering an environment of respect, understanding, and collaboration between parents, students, and staff.

This Parent Code of Conduct outlines our expectations for parental support and engagement, ensuring we maintain a positive, Christ-centered community where every child can flourish.

## Our Shared Commitment

1. **Support the School's Values and Mission:**
  - Uphold the school's Catholic ethos by fostering a culture of kindness, respect, and accountability at home and in interactions with the school community.
  - Encourage your child to embrace hard work, develop their whole self, and live out Catholic Social Teaching, such as care for creation, justice, and solidarity.
2. **Model Positive Behaviour:**
  - Demonstrate kindness, respect, and courtesy in all interactions with staff, students, and other parents.
  - Refrain from using aggressive, abusive, or disrespectful language or behaviour on school grounds or in online communication.
3. **Collaborate with the School:**
  - Work in partnership with teachers and staff to support your child's education and personal development.
  - Communicate openly and constructively, raising concerns appropriately through the school's established channels.

## Behavioural Expectations

### 1. Communication

- Use appropriate and respectful language in verbal and written communication with staff, students, and other parents.
- Avoid spreading misinformation, engaging in gossip, or making derogatory comments about the school or its members, particularly on social media.

### 2. Attendance and Punctuality

- Ensure your child attends school regularly and on time, demonstrating the value of commitment and perseverance.
- Inform the school promptly of any reasons for absence and avoid taking holidays during term time.

### 3. Safety and Wellbeing

- Follow all safety protocols on school premises, including drop-off and pick-up arrangements.
- Refrain from actions that could endanger students, staff, or other parents, including irresponsible parking or ignoring health and safety notices.

### 4. Respect for Staff

- Recognise the professional expertise of school staff and trust their judgment in matters related to teaching, behaviour, and pastoral care.
- Address any concerns through official channels rather than confronting staff in public or private settings.

## 5. Support for School Policies

- Encourage your child to adhere to the school's behaviour and uniform policies, promoting discipline and pride in their education.
- Support the school's efforts to ensure a safe, inclusive, and equitable learning environment for all students.

## Catholic Social Teaching in Action

As a parent, you play a vital role in modelling and encouraging the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We ask that you:

- **Promote Dignity:** Treat every member of the school community with respect and honour the God-given dignity of all.
- **Support the Common Good:** Actively participate in school events and initiatives, such as fundraising and community service.
- **Foster Solidarity:** Encourage your child to care for others, especially those in need, and to value diversity within the school community.
- **Steward Creation:** Support the school's environmental initiatives and teach your child to care for God's creation.

## Unacceptable Behaviour

To maintain a positive and respectful community, the following behaviours are considered unacceptable:

- Threatening, abusive, or violent behaviour towards staff, students, or other parents.
- Disrupting school operations or causing undue stress to staff through unreasonable demands or inappropriate conduct.
- Using social media to criticise or defame the school, staff, or students.

Parents engaging in unacceptable behaviour may face restrictions on access to school premises or other appropriate actions as outlined in school policies.

## Our Commitment to You

In return, we promise to:

- Communicate openly and honestly with parents, respecting your role in your child's education.
- Provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every student can thrive.
- Work in partnership with you to nurture your child's academic, spiritual, and personal development.

By working together in the spirit of our Catholic mission, we can ensure Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College remains a thriving community where every child is empowered to **Be Kind, Work Hard, and Develop Their Whole Self.**



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May God's love be our guide 