

Student Code of Conduct

OLMC strives to cultivate an environment in which all members of the College community feel welcome, safe, secure and valued. It is in such an environment that learning best takes place and that students grow in their own sense of self-esteem and self-respect, and are able to more effectively extend esteem and respect to others. Students have a responsibility to contribute to the building of a positive interpersonal climate within the College and to establishing a constructive learning culture in which all are able to succeed to their full potential.

STUDENT CHARTER

I have joined the community of a Catholic school I have specific rights and responsibilities:

RIGHT	RESPONSIBILITIES
1. I have the right to practise my faith.	I have the responsibility to participate in the Prayer life of the College and to respect the rights of others to practice their faith.
2. I have the right to be happy at OLMC and to be treated with understanding.	It is my responsibility to respect the rights of others. It is my responsibility to treat others with understanding, not to laugh at others, tease others nor to hurt their feelings.
3. I have the right to be treated respectfully and fairly.	It is my responsibility to treat others politely and with respect. It is my responsibility to respect the authority of the College staff. It is my responsibility to be truthful and treat others fairly.
4. I have a right to be safe.	It is my responsibility not to do anything which may threaten or cause danger to myself or others. It is my responsibility to tell teachers if there is any danger around my classroom or in the playing areas.
5. I have a right to expect my property to be safe.	It is my responsibility not to steal, damage or destroy the property of others. It is my responsibility to ask permission before using the goods of someone else. It is my responsibility to take care of College property.
6. I have the right to be well educated at my College.	It is my responsibility to be well behaved in class and not disturb others. It is my responsibility to keep up to date with work in class and also with homework. It is my responsibility to attend school regularly and to be punctual.
7. I have a right to be protected against threats to my health.	It is my responsibility as a member of the College not to smoke, take alcoholic drinks or drugs or influence other students to do so – at College, at any College function or travelling to or from College or any function organised by the College.
8. I have a right to have pleasant, clean and well-maintained College grounds.	It is my responsibility to care for the College environment – to keep it neat and clean, and to be prepared to remove litter.
9. I have a right to be a valued member of the OLMC community.	It is my responsibility to behave so that the community will respect the values we uphold at the College. It is my responsibility to wear the College uniform neatly and correctly.
10. I have a right to make decisions for myself.	It is my responsibility to make sensible decisions and to face the consequences of my decisions.

Student Signature

CONSEQUENCES

At **OLMC** we believe that each and every student is responsible for their own behaviour and that all students can expect to be held accountable for their behaviour. Hence, the College has a series of consequences in place.

Students who experience some difficulty in meeting these expectations will be assisted to do so as a normal part of the College's pastoral care program. Through such means as communication through the College Diary, interviews with students and/or their parents, individual counselling at school or referral to professionals beyond the school, exclusion from class activities and school representation, detentions or deprivation of privileges, these students will be helped and encouraged to actively pursue these expectations.

Involvement of students in College activities is a privilege, not a right. Students need to understand that they must be able to be trusted when representing **OLMC** and their family in the wider community. As a consequence, students may be denied participation in activities if they have brought the good name of the College into disrepute or have been involved in any of the following situations:

- ◆ Suspension for inappropriate behaviour
- ◆ Repeated accumulation of detentions
- ◆ Poor behaviour during previous activities
- ◆ Consistent display of insolent behaviour

In addition, those students whose behaviour is seriously inconsistent with the College's expectations and those students who show a consistent unwillingness to live out the expectations of the College will be suspended from regular school activities, the length of suspension being discussed with parents. Ultimately, if a student's behaviour is deliberately, seriously or persistently opposed to the College's expectations and the wellbeing of its community, expulsion, as a last resort, may result.