



Student Code of Conduct Policy

Rationale

Al Siraat College has established a tradition of providing high quality care for individual students and other members of the College community. Homegroup Teachers, at each year level, work as a team with the Head of School. The Head of Well-being and the College Counsellor are available to work with these teams. A key goal is to work with students to make sure that there are known expectations regarding behaviour and the reasons for those expectations. These team members also work with subject teachers. It is believed that for students to achieve maximum development in all areas, four basic principles for the College need to be upheld.

These principles, which underpin the expectations for student behaviour, are:

- Respect is required for self, each other, property and the Al Siraat community.
- To work within the Islamic Ethos and adopt the College values, with a particular emphasis on following the Sunnah.
- The prime focus in the College is learning.
- The teacher has the right to facilitate the learning process.
- The child has the right to learn

Corporal punishment will not be used at Al Siraat College.

RIGHTS	EXPECTATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES
Students have the right to be respected. They also have the right to have pride in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property shared by all • The Al Siraat community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are expected to exhibit such qualities as honesty, trust, thoughtfulness, sensitivity, good manners, tolerance, responsibility, diligence and self-discipline. • Students should treat each other fairly regardless of cultural or racial differences. • As a representative of Al Siraat College students will present positively to other people. • Students should assist in maintaining the good condition of all school facilities.
Students have the right to learn in a positive, safe, clean environment, and to achieve their personal best in their learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be able to listen and be heard with acceptance. • Students have the responsibility to be actively involved in their learning. • Students should keep the environment positive, clean and safe. • Students should participate in a broad range of learning experiences either individually or co-operatively.

The following is an expansion of our behavioural expectations:

Student and Staff Relationships

Within the context of the Al Siraat College community, emphasis is placed on the development of relationships with individual students and with all personnel at the College.

Positive relationships are essential for students to maximise the opportunities for learning that take place in the College. This Code of Behaviour recognises that all students, teachers and support staff:

- Have a right to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times; and
- Should demonstrate care for individuals by fostering quality interpersonal relationships.

Students are expected to:

- Recognise their responsibility for building trust, esteem and friendships amongst their peers;
- Be positive in attitude towards learning and co-operative behaviour and be helpful and willing to be involved in all aspects of College life;
- Be sensitive to the individual personalities of other students, which contribute to the richness of life at Al Siraat;
- Be prepared to seek out lonely, isolated and unhappy students and help them join a group;
- Be familiar with the Al Siraat College Policy Against Bullying which is an integral part of this policy;
- Be supportive of younger students.

Staff are expected to:

- Be positive role models;
- Be open, caring, forgiving and compassionate adults;
- Show a real interest in, a personal concern and a healthy respect for their students; and
- Be ready to offer assistance and engender a sense of trust in their contact with students.

Living in a Community

Living in a community involves attitudes of sharing and service to others. This means that each student adjusts his or her behaviour to ensure the rights and needs of others.

Learning areas:

Each student is required to:

- Work to the best of their ability completing tasks fully and on time;
- Participate co-operatively in classes;
- Respond courteously to teachers' directions and show good manners at all times;
- Be respectful to every person, their property and privacy;
- Be punctual for all classes;
- Maintain tidy and organised learning areas;
- Accept shared responsibility within a group activity.

Recreational areas:

Students are encouraged to engage in some outdoor recreational activity at Recess and Lunchtime. This is also an opportunity to get to know others more deeply and build stronger relationships.

Students are required to:

- Be aware of the presence of others, particularly younger students;
- Be familiar with and observe all boundary limits since they are not permitted to leave the school grounds without approval from the appropriate teaching staff;
- Obtain permission from the Principal before selling, trading or promoting any items or activity in the College grounds.

Behaviour and activities which may cause injury to students at Al Siraat are not permitted:

These include (but are not limited to):

- Throwing balls or any objects directly at others;
- Playing games of an unduly aggressive nature;
- Pulling, pushing, shoving, kicking or any offensive or intimidatory actions.

College Property:

Students are beneficiaries of College facilities, which have been provided, and entrusted to them for safe keeping by previous generations of the Al Siraat community.

Students are required to:

- Care for school buildings, furniture, educational materials and technology, sports equipment and grounds;
- Be responsible for any College property borrowed, until it is returned to the appropriate member of staff;
- Be well aware that littering, graffiti or defacing property in any way is not permitted. It is each student's responsibility to work towards enhancing the environment.

Personal Property:

Students should make every effort to ensure:

- That their personal property will be safe while they are at school;
- That their environment is hygienic, pleasant and expressive of the pride that is taken in it.

Students should ensure their personal belongings are placed in appropriate storage areas and any unnecessary items of value or large sums of money are not brought to school.

Mobile phones, iPads, iPods or electronic game devices are not to be used inappropriately during school hours. The College accepts no responsibility for the loss of such items.

Co-Curricular Areas**Sport:**

Al Siraat provides opportunities for students to take part in House, inter-school and recreational sport. This is intended to promote enjoyment in terms of athletic achievement, friendly rivalry and achievement of personal goals.

Coaches and players should aim at maintaining a high standard of sportsmanship in all competitive games. A good spirit is to be actively fostered between teams and between schools, before, during and after a game. A hospitable and welcoming approach to visiting teams is most important when we are the hosts.

School Visits:

Dress and behaviour standards, whilst visiting other schools for any activities, are to conform to the general rules and expectations presented in this policy.

College Activities Off Campus**Camps and Excursions:**

These are arranged as part of the overall learning experience and non-attendance should be only for the most serious of reasons.

Students are expected to:

- Behave in a way that is consistent with expectations expressed in our Code of Behaviour;
- Familiarise themselves with campsite regulations and for reasons of safety and hygiene, follow these guidelines carefully;
- Be well aware that serious violations on camps will result in parents being contacted and the student sent home.

At the discretion of the Principal a student may not be permitted to attend a camp or excursion should the student's behaviour be of sufficient concern or student safety is at risk.

Students should realise that, whilst on excursions, they are in full view of a public who hold a very high expectation of Al Siraat College students. General behaviour and presentation are expected to be of the highest standard.

Visiting other schools:

Students are reminded that, when visiting other schools, be it for sport or other activities, we are their guests and are expected to act accordingly. Likewise, when other schools visit us, we extend them a warm welcome.

Travelling to and from school:

Students are expected to:

- Travel directly to and from school. Unnecessarily prolonged gatherings at shops, parks, lanes and other areas are not permitted;
- Students are to remain in full school uniform until they arrive home.

Students travelling on public transport and private buses are expected to:

- Behave in a polite manner bearing in mind that they share it with others. This requires courtesy and respect at all times towards passengers and officials;
- Refrain from throwing objects in or from stationary or moving vehicles;
- Refrain from boarding or alighting from a moving vehicle;
- Converse in a way in which the tone or content does not embarrass others;
- Keep aisles free of bags or other personal belongings;
- Refrain from urging, daring or participating in provocative or dangerous behaviour and any form of vandalism.

Failure to fulfill these expectations will be considered serious breaches of trust and will be dealt with accordingly. Serious or repeated public transport infringements may result in the student being refused travel on that mode of transport for an appropriate period of time.

Outside school hours:

The Al Siraat College philosophy promotes creating the right environment to guide students on the path to self-discovery.

The College recognises that a student is clearly under the jurisdiction of her/his parents/guardians when not at school.

If a student commits some offence, outside the school, such as inappropriate use of social networking media, petty stealing, etc., it is for the parents, not the school, to impose a sanction.

The College reserves the right to intervene if its name is brought into disrepute.

In particular, discourteous or insensitive behaviour at social functions unfortunately causes many adults to attribute responsibility to the school, rather than the family because the former is more easily identifiable. Accordingly, the College does request parents insist on:

- Respect for the right of host parents to determine attendance at social gatherings;
- Unobtrusive but firm supervision of behaviour, etc. at any social occasion for which they have responsibility;
- Sensitivity to the right of host parents and young people to enjoy themselves without becoming victims of aggressive or rude behaviour;
- Courtesy before, during and after the social occasion.

Appearance

Each Al Siraat student, as a member of the school, projects the College's image, especially in the way they present themselves and in their dress and behaviour. This should, reflect their status as a member of a respected College in the community.

School Uniform:

The school uniform is expected to be worn with pride and care.

To ensure this happens:

- Students are expected to dress neatly and in the correct school uniform;
- Shoes should be of acceptable school style (black leather like and polishable school shoes) and kept clean;
- Long hair if tied under the hijab, should not be done up so high as to represent the Islamically offensive look of a camel's hump;
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. If in the school's opinion it is unacceptable, it may result in the student's exclusion until the matter is satisfactorily resolved;
- Henna is not permitted to be used except for the two Eid occasions in the year. If henna is used outside these two occasions, it may result in the student's exclusion until the colour has completely faded;
- Jewellery (other than a watch and one plain gold or silver stud per ear for girls) is not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn at school or whilst in any Al Siraat College uniform;
- Make-up, including tinted moisturiser and nail varnish, may not be worn.

The official College uniform is expected to be worn on all school days and especially the following occasions:

- Performance nights/Recitals;
- Celebration Night;
- Official functions;
- All after school hours official functions, unless advised to the contrary.

Sport Uniform – Years 5 – 12:

The Al Siraat College sports uniform must be worn to and from sporting venues or at any other time when representing the school in sport. Teams may elect to wear the school uniform. This is only for male students, otherwise female students must bring their sports uniform in their bags to change at school when appropriate.

The official Al Siraat College hat must be worn during all forms of outdoor sporting activities and at recess and lunchtime during Terms 1 & 4.

Camps, Casual Clothes Days and other Activities (including Parent Teacher Conferences):

Students are expected to wear neat casual clothes, respective of the Islamic Shariah. Offensive and tight/see-through clothing, unnatural hair colours, make up and extremes of jewellery are not acceptable.

Infringement of the Code of Behaviour

Consequences for behaviour contrary to expectations outlined in this policy can include verbal reminders, warnings, written impositions, additional duties, withdrawal of privileges, detentions (Friday afternoon for one hour) or suspension, depending on the nature and severity of the incident. Consultation with parents and student counselling are additional steps that may be taken.

Continued serious misbehaviour will result in a review of the student's position at the College. Two suspensions will also result in a review of enrolment.

Serious Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

All members of the community have the right to expect that Al Siraat College is a safe place.

The College has the responsibility to educate students in the dangers of drugs, alcohol abuse, smoking and gambling and ensure that students are not drawn into their unhealthy use. To ensure this, students are expected to take careful note of the following:

- Al Siraat is a smoke-free environment. Students are prohibited from smoking during any College activity or whilst they are engaged in any activity where they can be associated with the school;
- Gambling is not permitted at Al Siraat College or on any school activities;
- The possession, use of, or any dealing in, hard or soft drugs is a most serious violation of the Code of Behaviour;
- Students undertaking a course of prescriptive medication should inform their Homegroup Teacher, in confidence. Student medication may be left at School Reception.

Serious breaches of school policy would include activities or behaviour of a student which:

- Seriously undermined the ethos of Al Siraat College;
- Consistently and deliberately failed to comply with any lawful request of a member of staff;
- Was offensive or dangerous to the physical or emotional health of any staff member or any student;
- Consistently and deliberately interfered with the educational opportunities of other students.

Some other behaviours regarded as serious include:

- Vandalism;
- Theft;
- Possession of or selling obscene material;
- Threats, intimidation or violence towards staff or students;
- Any form of harassment or misconduct including inappropriate forwarding of pictures via texting or otherwise;
- Offensive behaviour including inappropriate use of social networking sites;
- Possession of weapons or other illegal material.

Serious breaches of College policy necessitates that decisions be made regarding the enrolment status of students found in breach. These decisions will be made in the interests of College welfare and civil accountability.

The Principal reserves the right to judge whether a student has deliberately violated the Code of Behaviour in a serious manner and to suspend or dismiss her/him from the College.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle, however it may be reviewed before the review date in response to relevant changes, or as requested by the Principal or School Board

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