



## *St Patrick's Primary School Fremantle*

# *Parent Code of Conduct*

At St Patrick's Primary we offer a unique educational experience that focuses on the development of the whole child, physical, emotional, spiritual and academic. The model of schooling offered by St Patrick's is underpinned by the Gospel values and encourages students to strive to do their best in all facets of school life. In this light, our school community seeks to develop the potential of its members, whilst respecting their dignity and uniqueness.

The following is a guide to how parents can support us in our endeavours to fulfil this vision of education at our school and bring out the best in their children while they are at St Patrick's Primary School.

***This Code of Behaviour for Parents has at its core 12 Conduct Statements. The statements are:***

- You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.*** *We know a child learns behaviours and values from the example their parents/caregivers, teachers and peers display. Whilst displaying inappropriate behaviour is often the result of many factors, parents can reduce incidents by being good role models and helping to create a positive environment in which their son/daughter can be valued.*
- You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision-making.*** *If you want your son/daughter to copy your calmness and non-judgemental attitudes, then this is what you need to show them.*
- You act safely and competently.*** *Taking responsibility for your own actions and encouraging your children to do the same.*
- You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.*** *Showing acceptance and understanding towards others. Welcoming new families into the school by introducing ourselves, smiling and being friendly.*
- You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.*** *Familiarising yourselves and your children with, and respecting, the school and community rules. Being courteous in the drive through and following rules when delivering and collecting children from school.*
- You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.*** *Encouraging your son/daughter to use problem-solving channels at school such as other teachers, school psychologist, the parish priest when seeking help. Respect, fairness and integrity are encouraged through good role models. Your child will learn to respect other people by seeing you do the same. They'll accept the staff's decisions when they see you value the staff and accept their decisions.*

- 7. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.** *Avoiding inappropriate carpark discussions which are negative in nature or about a third party. Assist in classrooms when possible without divulging any observations or information about any children not even to their own parents. Be aware of photos that you place on social media to ensure that only your son/daughter can be identified. If there is another child in your posted photo you MUST ensure that you have the parents' permission.*
- 8. You act reflectively and ethically.** *As parents we can support our children in learning and encourage them to try their best by being good role models. It is our actions that really count when influencing our children.*
- 9. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.** *Maintain regular contact with the class teacher – specially to inform of situations of major change at home.*
- 10. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.** *Showing respect for teachers by using appropriate communication channels when dealing with the school.*
- 11. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being. Ask children open questions and actively listen to what they say.** *Children need to know their parents support them and listen to their concerns whilst understanding there will be two sides to a situation.*
- 12. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.** *Being involved in the school and church community. Promoting a culture of helping out and the satisfaction of being involved and achieving.*