Our Student Code of Conduct

1. **Students have a right to learn.**
   (i) Sound teaching and learning depends on students co-operating with their teachers. Students have a right to learn without being disrupted by the misconduct of others.
   (ii) Students are expected to fulfil the various tasks set by teachers and to attend prescribed classes. Absence without leave from class or the College during school time is a serious breach of trust.
   (iii) Students are expected to involve themselves in class work and homework to the best of their abilities.
   (iv) Good manners and respect are expected of all students in their relationships with fellow students and teachers.

2. **Students have a right to be proud of the good name of their College.**
   (i) In travelling to and from school, on excursions or when representing the College in any way students should be polite and considerate towards all and aware that the College is judged by their conduct.
   (ii) Possession or use of cigarettes, drugs or alcohol either at the College or when representing or supporting the College or attending an activity promoted by the College will be viewed as a very serious offence.
   (iii) The College has various prescribed uniform requirements and students are expected to comply with these regulations and at all times be well groomed in their appearance.

3. **Students have a right to be respected. Their personal property is also to be respected.**
   (i) All forms of stealing or vandalism are offences against the whole school community. A student’s personal belongings are not to be interfered with at any time by other students.
   (ii) A student should not be in possession of any article that could cause harm to others.
   (iii) Students are not to engage in any form of verbal, physical or psychological bullying.

4. **Students have a right to a pleasant and safe place in which to work and play.**
   (i) Students must take proper care when using school property; vandalism of school property is viewed as a serious offence.
   (ii) Students are expected to make every effort to keep their surroundings clean and tidy.
   (iii) The school yard should be a safe place for all students and rough or wild games in the yard are not permitted. A hands-off policy applies at all times.
   (iv) Students must not be in ‘out of bounds’ locations unless approved and/or supervised by teachers.

**Positive behaviour will bring about positive consequences (Merit Awards in any one year):**

- 5 Yellow Merit = 1 Blue Merit
- 3 Blue Merit = 1 Principal’s
- 3 Principal’s = Edmund Rice
Possible consequences for breaching Student Code of Conduct:

- verbal and non-verbal warnings given during class,
- student moved within class or seated outside of room (ref. School Policy),
- student given extra work, lines to complete or to accompany a teacher on duty (recess or lunch, picking up papers, etc.),
- students placed on behaviour contract or daily monitoring card,
- parents contacted (by either class teacher or Guidance Co-ordinator - Notice of Concern Level 1),
- lunch detention or a before/after school detention (ref. School Policy), Guidance Co-ordinator detention – Friday afternoon,
- interview with Guidance Co-ordinator/Deputy - Notice of Concern Level 2,
- referral to College Counsellor,
- internal/external suspension.