



Good Shepherd Catholic School

— Lockridge —

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School Rules

School rules exist for the safety of within the community. At all times rules and their enactment should be consistent with Gospel values and reconciliation is a central value to the Gospel and should be the underpinning philosophy to the management of student behaviour.

School Rules

1. Whilst in the school uniform or when representing the school in any manner the highest standard of behaviour is expected.
2. Attendance at school prior to the 8.30am.
 - a. **Children should not be on the school premises prior to 8.30am.**
 - b. Children who arrive prior to 8.30am remain in the care of their parent/guardian and must go to the Under Cover Area where they are to remain seated. **No supervision will be provided prior to 8.30am and parents remain responsible for their child/ren until 8.30am.**
3. Once a child arrives at school he/she shall not leave the school grounds except when accompanied by a teacher or parent/ guardian or their confirmed nominee.
4. Between 8.30 and 8.50am
 - a. Children may move freely about the school site however:
 - i. No sports equipment is to be used.
 - ii. The fixed play equipment is not to be used by either students or siblings. (As the sandpits will not have been raked).
5. Children must be in class and ready for lessons to commence when the bell rings at 8.50am. (Under the Education Act 1999 students are required to be in class on time for lessons to commence at the start of the day.)
 - a. Parents of children who are late for school are required to provide written explanation or a letter requesting explanation will be sent home with the child. (Appendix C)
 - b. Where a child is regularly late for school the Principal will commence a process, with the family, to address the concern.

Guideline for teachers:

After three late notices signed by the teacher, the teacher will notify the principal who will signed all other notices.

The principal will enact a process to enforce the appropriate sections of Schools Education Act 1999.

6. All forms of bullying are unacceptable and will be dealt with according to the school's Bullying and Harassment Policy.
7. Fighting and other actions that may cause harm to others are unacceptable therefore children should not:
 - a. Touch, carry, grab or demonstrate aggression towards their peers.
 - b. Throw any object – excluding appropriate sports equipment
8. For the safety of all children, all bicycles will be walked while on the school grounds.

9. School environment, property and equipment shall be respected at all times.
10. All students shall wear the appropriate school uniform on accordance with the School Uniform Policy. No child shall be permitted to attend any excursion unless in correct school uniform or in the clothing designated by the organizer.
11. All forms of communication shall be respectful.
12. Playground and class rules shall be followed at all times. It is the responsibility of the class teacher to regularly remind the students of these rules through classroom discussions and displays.
13. To facilitate the provision of safe play the children are asked:
 - a. To play in the following areas:
 - i. Years 1 –3
 1. The Under Cover Area.
 2. The small basketball area (bituminized area) near the Under Cover Area.
 3. Grass behind the canteen.
 - ii. Years 1 –4
 1. The Area behind the Year Four classrooms.
 - iii. Years 4- 7
 1. The veranda areas outside their classrooms.
 2. Basketball court and the school oval.
 - iv. Years 1 – 7
 1. Library is available, from Monday to Thursday at lunchtime, to all children who willing to comply with the library rules and expectations.
 - b. Not to:
 - i. Enter any of the garden areas
 - ii. Go on the embankments:
 1. Parallel to Altone Road.
 2. Near the car park.
 3. In the fenced off gardens behind the canteen
 - iii. Be in the library or classroom unless in the presence of a staff member
 - iv. Children are not allowed to play between the Junior Primary and the Pre-Primary Buildings
 - c. Veranda safety rules:
 - i. Running on the concrete under the verandas and in the Under Cover Area is dangerous and therefore not permitted.
 - ii. Ball games should not be played under or near the veranda
14. To support the school in the provision of the best environment possible children shall not:
 - a. Litter
 - b. Have chewing gum at school
15. “No Hat No Play” in the Sun.

Notes:

 - a. Applies to Terms One and Four.
Children are encouraged to wear their hats all year round.
 - b. Children are not required to wear their hats going to:
 - i. The Church.
 - ii. Under covered area.
 - iii. Music Room.
 - iv. Computer Room.

At these times the children are in the sun for very brief periods and having a hat can cause distraction for the child.

- c. A child without a hat is permitted to be in:
 - i. The Under Cover Area - if in the junior grades
 - ii. Under the verandas if in the senior grades.
 - iii. In the Library.
- d. Class teachers will establish an appropriate process to deal with children who repeatedly fail to bring their hat to school.

16. Personal games, toys and sports equipment tend to be expensive and treasured by the owner and as the school cannot guarantee the safety of the items they should not be brought to school.

17. Good Shepherd Catholic School is a NO SMOKING site in accordance with the Catholic Education Commission Policy.