

# Student Code of Conduct

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A Christian school is a community of covenant people working and playing together in an academic and social setting. A school that is identified as Christian demonstrates that a spirit of Christian love should prevail in the classrooms, hallways, sports fields, and meeting rooms. We are called to work, learn, and play in an environment where God is honored and praised and where academic and communal responsibilities are encouraged and exercised. This "Code of Conduct" was written to foster such a climate.

Showing reverence to God, respect for the individuals within the community, respect for the learning environment, and respect for school property are key to creating a biblical community of learners.

In keeping with its mission and Alberta legislation, and with its own Safe and Caring Learning Environment Policy, Rimbey Christian School is committed to:

- Providing all students with a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment;
- Establishing a reasonable and caring balance between individual and collective rights, freedoms and responsibilities within the school community; and,
- Publishing as part of student registration, school start information and other forms, written expectations for student behaviour while at school, at school-related activities, or while engaging in activities that may have an impact on others in the school.

Consistent with Section 13 of the School Act and in keeping with the mission and vision of Rimbey Christian School, each student is responsible for acting positively in support of a welcoming and caring learning environment.

## **1. I / We will respect the individuals within the community by:**

1. recognizing that we are image-bearers of God <sup>1</sup>
2. acting at all times in keeping with the vision and mission underlying the school;
3. knowing and following the rules of the school;
4. cooperating with school staff to make the school a positive learning environment for all;
5. conducting myself in a manner that contributes to a welcoming, caring and respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;
6. striving to honor others for being the kind of persons God created them to be
7. trying to recognize and encourage the gifts of others
8. honoring the authority entrusted to teachers, administration and others in positions of responsibility
9. striving for sexual purity in my thoughts, language, and actions
10. recognizing by my thoughts, language, and actions that sexual activity is intended by God for the marriage relationship of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all other
11. not using abusive speech or actions towards fellow students and others
12. not smoking on or near school property
13. not being in possession of or having used illegal drugs.
14. not consuming alcohol beverages
15. not bringing physical harm upon others,
16. not being involved in gang activities,
17. not having weapons in school
18. respecting self and the rights of others in the school<sup>2</sup>;
19. conducting myself in a manner that contributes to a welcoming, caring and respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging<sup>3</sup>;
20. refraining from bullying
21. refusing to tolerate bullying whether in or outside of the school or school hours or electronically;
22. informing a responsible, trusted and caring adult in a timely manner of incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation or other unwelcoming or uncaring acts;
23. being accountable for my behaviours to school staff and school board;

## **2. I / We will respect the learning environment by:**

1. respecting teachers as facilitators of learning
2. being diligently and actively prepared to learn and actively pursue learning;
3. attending class punctually
4. being absent from class only for valid reasons (e.g. Illness)
5. completing homework in the time frame given
6. honoring the demands placed on me regarding class participation
7. not being disruptive in my behavior or using abusive language

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1 Genesis 1 / Psalm 139

2 Matthew 7:12

3 Romans 12: 9-21

8. dressing properly for school by choosing clothing that is modest, neat, clean, and appropriate for the occasion.
9. not wearing caps or hats in school
10. not using electronic devices at school unless required to do so by a teacher.

**3. I / We will respect the school property by:**

1. seeking permission from the administration before posting anything on the walls, bulletin board, or windows
2. reporting damage done to school property and by paying for those damages that result from my actions
3. not writing on or defacing desks, lockers, walls, books, or any other school property
4. picking up my garbage or that left lying about by chance
5. disposing chewing gum properly
6. keeping my locker neat and clean

**4. I / We understand and confirm that:**

1. the school will investigate instances of conduct that violates this code of conduct
2. the school will pursue disciplinary action in a matter consistent with the principles of fundamental justice and the school's student discipline policy.
3. an individual who was engaged in unacceptable conduct may be subject to possible suspension or expulsion, according to the protocol of the discipline policy.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_