



Title:	The Armidale School Parents and Carers Code of Conduct
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Code of Conduct- Parents and Carers

Overview:

Parents and carers are a fundamental part of a child's education. We recognise that parents and carers are a key part of the School community and should participate in their child's education, which will maximise the opportunities for student success.

In order to balance the rights of parents and carers, students, teachers and staff, we expect parents/carers to uphold a certain standard of behaviour.

This standard allows students to learn, teachers to teach, and other community members to participate in education, free from harassment, violence, intimidation and vilification.

Parents and carers should set an example for their children, and the children of others. They have a shared responsibility with their children, other parents/carers and the School to ensure that their children abide by the Schools Rules and Regulations.

Parents and carers should at all times observe the following:

- **effort** – in students' schoolwork, co-curricular and other personal endeavours
- **respect** – for staff, parents/carers, students and members of the community
courtesy – towards everyone you interact with
- **pride** – in yourself, and the way you represent the School
- **responsibility** – for your actions
- **integrity** – honesty and candour in everything you do
- **acceptance** – of others, regardless of their background, age, gender, sexuality, religion, race and ability
- **inclusion** – of all those who attend The Armidale School, and of all members of the TAS Community

By observing the above, you are keeping our community **Thoughtful, Accountable and Safe**.

Co-Curricular and Sporting Events:

We recognise that parents and carers are often actively involved in the sporting and co-curricular events of their children. We encourage parents to participate in such activities and to support their children, however we also make clear that we have high expectations of parents at these events and activities.

At these events, parents are expected to:

- encourage (without forcing) their children to participate
- never ridicule, berate, discourage or otherwise interfere with their child or another child uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play
- never yell, abuse or otherwise interfere with a sporting official, coach or other person
- never incite, encourage or commit acts of violence
- never use foul or abusive language
- never interfere in an activity.

Interactions with the School:

Parents and carers are expected to deal with all TAS staff and volunteers in a way that is courteous and respectful at all times.

Parents and carers should only interact with staff in accordance with our [Parent Communication and Involvement Policy](#) so that staff are able to discharge their duties without interference.

Parents and carers should not approach or interact with the children of other parents without their permission.

Parents and carers should not photograph or record the children of other parents without their permission.

School Policies and Contact during School Day

Parents and carers should support their children so that they can comply with School policies, including the [Rules and Regulations](#).

Parents should not contact their child by mobile phone at any time during the School day as students are not permitted to have their phones with them. All student communications should go through the School Office (phone 6776 5800).

Complaints and Feedback

The Armidale School has developed a complaints policy to ensure that all grievances and complaints are dealt with by the School in the appropriate manner.

Should a parent or carer be unable to resolve an issue informally, they may lodge a complaint with the School. We commit to dealing with this complaint according to our [Complaints Policy](#).

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Breach of Code of Conduct

Parents and carers are expected to follow the Parent Code of Conduct. Breaches of the Code may result in a range of actions including meeting with the Principal or other Senior Staff, conditions being placed around attendance at certain events, and in more serious cases, the withdrawal of their child/ren from The Armidale School.