



Working Together ***A Code of Cooperation for the School Community***

At The Assumption School we acknowledge that education is a close partnership between teachers and families. The values that underpin our work together as teachers, parents and students include:

- Fairness
- Respect
- Integrity
- Responsibility

By demonstrating these values in our work together, we proactively foster the Catholic ethos of our school.

Together, we demonstrate these values in our daily work by:

- Being honest, trustworthy and accountable
- Ensuring our procedures are fair for all members of the school community
- Being courteous and showing positive response when dealing with others
- Maintaining professional relationships with each other as stakeholders in our students' education
- Collaborating with each other to achieve common goals
- Developing a safe and supportive environment that is free from aggression, prejudice, injustice and dishonesty
- Avoiding discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion and culture
- Avoiding behaviour that is, or might reasonably be perceived as being, harassing, bullying and intimidating.

Schools are places where many groups come together and these groups will not always agree. We have procedures in place so that everyone is treated with equality, and is given opportunity to have problems addressed. If you have a problem with something happening at the school, you are invited to make an appointment to discuss it. Gossiping, speaking half truths, and giving personal interpretations, are not the answer. Please meet with those that can work with you to bring resolution.

All parents are asked to adhere to the following protocols:

1. No parent can speak to a student on school grounds about friendship or behavioural problems.
2. If a problem exists at school, please make an appointment to meet with a member of staff.
3. Parents are not to use offensive language in the playground or school area.
4. Gossiping, spreading stories, derogatory comments or sharing negative opinions about students, other parents or staff members is not appropriate.
5. Communicating negative opinions via social media about the school, students, other parents or staff members is not appropriate.

If we are truly building the Kingdom of God here at The Assumption School, we choose our words and actions based on the Gospel values.

Related Policies, Procedures & Acts:

Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policy

Guidelines for the Management of Complaints

Child Protection Procedures

Facebook Page Guidelines

Crimes Amendment (School Protection) Act 2003

Inclosed Lands Protection Act 2010