



## PARENT/CARER/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORTING EVENTS

St Philip's Christian College Cessnock welcomes Parents/Carers and Spectators to a variety of sporting events and appreciates their support and co-operation. Parents/Carers and Spectators are expected to be positive role models. They must behave respectfully and courteously towards players, coaches, officials, staff, and other Parents/Carers and Spectators. All attendees at the event are required to contribute to the positive atmosphere of the event so that it can be enjoyed by everyone.

St Philip's Christian College Cessnock condemns and will not tolerate any harassment, verbal or physical abuse, violent or illegal acts whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents/carers or spectators.

St Philip's Christian College Cessnock strives to provide a safe environment. Should you notice something of concern, please report it immediately to College staff at the event.

### EXPECTATIONS

Parents/Carers/Spectators are expected to:

1. Respect and follow the policies and directions of College staff and officials at all times.
2. Co-operate fully and follow any regulations or requests made by College staff, such as car parking, seating, and the placement of spectators and participants.
3. Remain in the designated spectator area and refrain from approaching participants or officials.
4. Communicate and act with respect at all times. St Philip's Christian College Cessnock does not accept the use of offensive language, negative gestures, harassment, or aggressive behaviour.
5. Allow the officials to conduct the event without interference.
6. Refrain from approaching College staff or officials to question a decision or give coaching advice. If a Parent/Carer or Spectator has a genuine concern, this needs to be presented to the College staff member in charge of the event who will determine any action to be taken.
7. Respect the decision and authority of the referee/umpire. Do not argue with or abuse the referee/umpire. Their decision is final.
8. Encourage all players' efforts to play by the rules and to live up to the highest standards.
9. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and encourage players to have a common respect for each other regardless of which team they are on. Be courteous regardless of win, lose or draw.

10. Participate in positive cheering that encourages all players. Do not engage in cheering that taunt or intimidates participants, staff or officials.
11. Recognise that coaches, officials, referees and umpires often volunteer their time to provide assistance. Treat them with the utmost respect.
12. Remember the players on both teams participate for their own enjoyment and not that of the spectators.
13. Refrain from taking inappropriate actions that may affect the performance of athletes either giving advantage to one or disadvantaging others as this will potentially cause the child and/or team to be disqualified. (eg pacing a child in Cross Country, walking down the side lines of the field/pool calling out to participants). This will be at the discretion of the event organiser.
14. Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg social media, emails and texts.
15. Refrain from arriving at the College or external venue under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol at the event or at the event site.
16. Leave the area tidy and free of rubbish when they leave.

## COVID GUIDELINES

All Parents/Carers and Spectators;

1. Must be well and free of any respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms to attend the event
2. Must sign in using the designated procedure at the College or external venue
3. Practise good hygiene
4. Follow all current COVID-19 guidelines

In the event any person fails to adhere to the Parent/Carer/Spectator Code of Conduct, the College reserves the right to impose sanctions including disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to;

- Warnings and reminders of expectations
- Disqualification of your child participating in the event
- Temporary and/or permanent removal from the event (Police will be called if necessary.)
- Exclusion from future events

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the College Head of Sport.