

# COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

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Every community is bound by a shared set of expectations to promote good behaviour, positive relationships, self-responsibility and being of “one mind and heart on our way towards God” (*St Augustine*).

When these expectations are upheld our community is strengthened and affirmed. When we do not meet these expectations, we disconnect ourselves from the Villanova community and need to consider how we should repair the harm caused to others.

For students to meet these expectations, personal discipline is required for learning and growth of character. This helps strengthen our Villanova College community.

Our shared expectations are:

## 1. Good Order

Each student’s behaviour in the classroom, on College grounds, at College functions and travelling to and from the College, is to contribute to the good order within Villanova College and our wider community.

## 2. Concern and Respect for Others

Each student’s behaviour is expected to encourage learning and participation, show concern and respect for all people, and enable and encourage each of us to feel pride in the Villanova community and its traditions. For example, when we greet each other respectfully we demonstrate our acceptance of each other as Villanovans “of one mind and heart”. There is no place within the College for teasing, put-downs and hurtful, racist or negative comments.

## 3. Respectful Language

Students are to use language that is respectful and inoffensive. Use of racist, sexist, derogatory and explicit language offends others and harms positive relationships between members of our community. Appropriate language use it to be observed in all forms of communications, from everyday conversations in the classroom and yard, to written language and nonverbal cues and gestures. Staff are to be referred to politely by correct title (e.g. Fr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Mr).

## 4. Respect for Leadership

Students are to show respect and cooperation by responding promptly to instructions given by those in positions of authority or leadership. Where cooperation and respect are observed, classes, teams and groups accomplish their goals in the spirit of community.

## **5. Safety and Consideration of Others**

Students are to consider the safety and wellbeing of others around the College. In particular, students are to walk, rather than run, around the grounds and give way to staff, adults and visitors when travelling between classes and participating in activities and games. This should prevent accidents caused by thoughtless actions so that everyone can feel safe.

## **6. Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle**

To be active and healthy throughout their lives, students are to comply with the Villanova College Drug Alcohol and Smoking Products Prevention Policy. Regardless of age, students may not smoke or drink alcohol at the College, at sporting or College functions, or in public in College uniform. The use of alcohol or prohibited drugs before, during or after College functions is not acceptable and can seriously affect the good order and relationships with our Villanovan community.

## **7. Respect for College Uniform Standards**

Students are to support and affirm our Villanovan community by wearing the appropriate College uniform correctly at all times. Where items of the College uniform are missing, a note of explanation from a parent or guardian is required. The Villanova College's Sun Safe Policy is for all students' long-term health and safety and is to be observed vigilantly. The Villanova College Hair Policy is also to be observed at all times.

## **8. Care for our Physical Environment**

Students are to care for the physical environment of Villanova College by placing rubbish in the correct bins provided and promptly assisting in cleaning areas when directed. Students are to leave prohibited items that damage our physical environment at home. These prohibited items included permanent marking pens, correction pens (correction tape is acceptable, chewing gum, hobby knives, spray paint, metal rulers and carving implements. This will enable students, staff and visitors to enjoy a clean and tidy College.

## **9. Respect for College**

Students are to remain outside classrooms and off corridors and stairwells during recess times, and before and after school. Sections of the College campus are designated for particular purposes and, as such, students are to respect the out-of-bounds areas for their respective year levels, unless prior consent for entry or use is given.

## **10. Respect for Property**

Students are to respectfully use equipment that is lent in good faith by others and are not to use equipment where permission is not freely given. Students are to use educational



equipment (e.g. books, desks, chairs, AV equipment) in a manner that will ensure such equipment will continue to be useful to others over time. Sporting equipment should only be used in appropriate areas. No student is to enter the yards of private house, under any circumstances.