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CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

St Thomas the Apostle, Cranbourne East

Parents, Care Givers, Guardians and all other visiting adults are to:

- always behave in a way that makes students feel safe (talk in a calm, moderate voice, avoid sharp, big actions, use child appropriate words and topics in presence of children)
- treat all students in the same friendly and safe manner (no favourites)
- understand children must be allowed to do things for themselves (give verbal help not physical help)
- treat all students and families with respect and never treat anyone unfavourably because of their disability, age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality or ethnicity
- report any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse, inappropriate behaviour or harm to the principal
- contact the school or Victoria Police (if criminal behaviour) with any concerns about the behaviour of a student or parent– **no adult should ever follow, address, correct or engage with a child to reprimand, investigate or threaten**
- never photograph or video a child or student in a school environment except where written consent has been obtained. Photos and videos of your own child cannot have other children in them without the express consent from the child's parent/guardian
- never consume alcohol or take illicit drugs in the school environment or at school events where students are present
- use toilets marked **Adult ONLY** at school and report any inappropriate behaviour or concerns about toilets to school leadership

I understand that if my behaviour breaches the code of conduct that:

- I may be asked to leave the school grounds and must respond to this request
- I may be asked to come to a meeting with the principal or delegate
- Victoria Police may be called and if requested the school is compelled to supply contact details

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