Discipline Code

Rationale:
The Responsible Thinking Philosophy is one of the student taking responsibility for their actions.

Outcomes:
The student:
- recognises that there are consequences for their actions and reactions.
The school:
- provides opportunities for the student to realise that there are consequences for their actions and reactions.
- recognises that students need to be provided with a discipline policy that provides a safe and fair place in which to learn.
- communicates to parents, staff and students a welfare policy that provides both positive and negative consequences.

General Principles:

Our School aims to:
1. Provide a stable, safe and ordered environment within which students learn effectively and behave responsibly.
2. Promote international harmony, national pride and inspire in students a sense of common purpose.
3. Create and maintain positive relationships within the school and wider community.
4. Encourage students to develop self discipline by accepting responsibility for their behaviour.
5. Foster in students a feeling of belonging to the school and its community.
6. Contribute with enthusiasm to establishing and maintaining the desirable tone and direction of the school.
7. Insist on responsible student behaviour and develop practices which prevent irresponsible behaviour.
8. Encourage students to value the personal dignity and worth of themselves and others.
9. Promote in students a respect for values that underpins our society and its laws.
10. Recognise student achievement and promote positive behaviour.

Breaches of the following classroom, playground and dress code will result in the student being asked to go to the
- their class’ buddy class.
- the verandah during Recess and Lunchtime for classroom misdemeanors or playground misdemeanors.
- Principal’s office for serious breaches
Strategies to Promote Good Discipline and Effective Learning

Classroom Code:
1) Verbal Warning
2) 2nd Warning: write the name on the board
3) Cross beside name, “Are you choosing to have time out in the classroom and have your name recorded in the Red Book? That is what will happen if you get another cross.
4) Two more crosses. Time out in the classroom (10 minutes) and name recorded in the Red Book.
5) 3 crosses and name on the board. Student is sent to the buddy classroom.
   • “You have chosen to be removed from this class. In addition you have chosen to miss your play time and sit on the verandah.” Name is recorded in the Red Book and a note sent home to the parent outlining the misdemeanor.
   • The student is escorted by the classroom teacher to the buddy classroom. Information is entered into the Red Book detailing the time and the reason he/she has been sent out. In addition the student takes work with him/her and to complete in the buddy classroom.

Classroom Misdemeanors:
• Consistently Disruptive – calling out, touching others or others belongings, talking out of turn.
• Refusing To Do Work
• Rudeness and Disrespect – in groups, answering back, teasing others, put downs, defacing other’s work.
• Breaking class and school rules.

Playground Misdemeanors:
Code 1: After a warning, repeat offenders are sent to the verandah
• Teasing
• Dangerous Play
• Bullying
• No Hat
• Climbing – trees, tennis court, shed, fences
• Interrupting others games
• Indirect Swearing
• Playing after the bell
Code 2: Sent directly to the verandah without warning. Time out for 1 to 5 days (depending on the incident) plus a note home.

Consistent breaches of Codel 1 behaviour
- Out of Bounds (no warnings after Term1)
- Being unkind to animals and plants
- Bullying another student physically or emotionally
- Low level physical violence
- Stealing
- Insolence
- Directed offensive language/gestures towards others
- Intimidating/provoking/bullying others
- Dishonesty
- Defiance of Teachers/Aides
- Leaving school grounds without permission
- Rough or dangerous play

Code 3: Sent directly to the Principal
- Consistent breaches of Code 2
- Serious physical violence/threat
- Deliberate damage of property/vandalism
- Verbal harassment or abuse
- Endangering the safety of others intentionally
- Possession of weapons or illegal substances
- Criminal behaviour
- Accessing illegal material on the Internet

Please Note Code 3 misdemeanors can lead to suspension, depending on the severity of the misdemeanor.