

# College Community Agreement

## Who we are

**We are a Christ-centred and student-centred school with a focus on excellence.** We aim to be a community of personal growth where all members seek excellence and know God.

## Why we exist

**Our purpose is to develop and shape our students through continual evidence of faith and practice.** We seek to build character through learning, discernment and application, challenging our students to transition into living their faith as an informed, contributing adult in the world.

## Preamble

Swan Christian College is a part of the Swan Christian Education Association, the governing body of a network of seven schools and exists to promote a biblical view of knowledge and learning in a Christian environment that engages parents by providing opportunities for parental involvement in their children's education and encourages families to be part of a local church. The College believes that each student is important, and that the parents have the ultimate responsibility to God for their child.

The College recognises that students will have diverse gifts and talents and nurtures learning in the physical, spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and aesthetic domains. Students are encouraged to explore and respond to challenges of the world with a Christian life-view; to show commitment and perseverance. We encourage students to aim for excellence as they love and respect God, self and others in the community. Students will be expected to show respect and concern for others and search for constructive ways of managing conflict. The College is intended to be a safe, nurturing and relational place where students will be valued. We seek to uphold and teach biblical, Christian values with a particular focus on the following: leadership, kindness, integrity, commitment, respect and justice. Education is the shared responsibility of students, parents and educators, working collaboratively to best support the needs of the child.

## Agreement

1. I/We undertake to support and uphold the principles, practices and policies of the College; keeping up-to-date with policies via the website.
2. I/We will work cooperatively with teachers in sharing the responsibility for educating my/our child. If any concerns arise, I/We will work with the teacher and appropriate senior staff. I/We will demonstrate my/our respect for the whole College community by using appropriate social conventions and courteous language at all times.
3. I/We will be supportive of my/our child taking part in all school curriculum activities and in related co-curricular activities (including camps, awards nights, etc.) expecting that all reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and comfort of students.
4. I/We accept to meet the compulsory requirement for my/our child's attendance at school. If my/our child is absent for illness, notes will be provided in a timely manner. Other absences will be granted only after prior permission from the Principal. I/We accept that failure to do so may jeopardise my/our child's enrolment at the College.

5. I/We accept the College's requirements relating to the compulsory wearing of uniform.
6. I/We will support engagement in further assessment with para-professionals should a referral from the College be necessary.
7. I/We understand that the College Principal cares for the welfare of the whole College community as well as managing the needs of individual students. The Principal has the authority to accept, alter or terminate the enrolment status of any student; accordingly, I/we will accept and support the *Behaviour Management Policy* of the College.
8. I/We recognise that learning occurs both at the College and in the home and understand it is my/our responsibility to support the efforts of the College to maintain my/our child's highest academic performance by providing a place at home for my/our child to study, and by ensuring my/our child completes all homework assignments.
9. I/We agree to pay a contribution to the School Development Fund annually as specified in the Annual Tuition Fee Schedule for the period of my child/rens enrolment. I/We agree to adhere to the terms and conditions as set out in the College's Fee Schedule. Thereafter each term's fees are payable in accordance with an agreed payment schedule. I/We agree to abide by the SCEA credit policy and should fees fall into arrears my/our child's enrolment at the College may be terminated.
10. I/We agree to discuss with the Business Manager any change of circumstances which alters my/our ability to pay tuition fees as agreed.
11. I/We agree to give the College Principal at least one term's written notice of intention to withdraw a child from the College, or to give advice of the possibility of such an event. I/We understand that if my/our child is withdrawn without one term's notice I/we will be liable for the next term's fees.
12. I/We have read and agree to abide by the *Statement of Faith* and the *Controversial Issues Clause*. (College website - <https://www.swan.wa.edu.au/about-swan-christian-college/association-statement-of-faith/>)
13. I/We agree that in the event of a grievance I/we will follow the College's *Grievance Procedure* and abide by the outcome. (<https://www.swan.wa.edu.au/swanresources/policies-and-procedures-2/>)
14. I/We have read and understood the policies and procedures accessible on the College website.
15. I/We understand that my/our ongoing support to this agreement is a condition of my/our child's enrolment.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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(Original to College / copy to parent)