



# St Clare's College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you today regarding the high expectations that we have at the College regarding behaviour and are asking for your support in ensuring these expectations are met and maintained. St Clare's enjoys a very positive reputation in the community and we aim to be proactive in ensuring this is something we maintain.

When the girls wear the College uniform they are no longer just representing themselves but are representing the College and the values we stand for. As such it is imperative that all students ensure that they are behaving in a manner that upholds these values both at school and in public. Unfortunately there have been some incidents in recent weeks where girls have failed to meet the high standards and expectations we have.. We are asking you to have conversations with your daughters to remind them of the following:

- **No student is to go to Bondi Junction in their school uniform.** Westfield security are working with the College and schools in the area to stop students congregating in their shopping centre. If students need to attend they must go home, change out of their uniform and then go back to the shopping centre. Students may only attend the centre with their parents. If Westfield sends us images of students at the shopping centre they will be issued with a detention.
- **No student is to post any image or material on social media in their uniform.** Any student caught filming or posting offensive material in their uniform (that which includes offensive language, inappropriate gestures, sexual innuendo or references) will be internally suspended. All other posts in uniform will be reviewed by the Dean and appropriate consequences issued. Students are not to use social media on school grounds. This will result in a detention.
- **It is expected that all students exhibit respectful behaviour in public.** All students are to behave appropriately when in public, including when on public transport. Students are to refrain from offensive language and inappropriate conversations. They are to maintain the same standards of behaviour as they would while at school.



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Unfortunately, those students in the junior years have had several warnings and reminders about expected behaviour and have failed to consistently meet the standards as outlined above. As such, effective immediately, Years 7 and 8 students will not be permitted to use mobile phones for any reason while at school. They are to turn their phones off at the gate and keep them out of sight, in their lockers or bags between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Any student who is seen with a phone will be sent to the Office where it will be handed in. A parent will be required to pick up the mobile phone. This will be in place until further notice while we put some measures in place to remind students of our expectations and support them in the responsible use of technology.

We are asking parents/carers to discuss these expectations with your daughters and support the College in ensuring we continue to maintain high expectations, a positive reputation in the community and promote a respectful and safe environment. If students have any images or videos of themselves in school uniform on social media that do not support our values we are requiring them to take them down immediately.

We thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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**College Principal**

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