

# Parent Support

Our parents love being involved and supportive of our school. The standards below contribute to its smooth operations. They will assist you, as you and your child relate to the school.

## Regular Attendance

Children should attend classes every scheduled school day, arriving and departing within the specified times (8:30am – 3:30pm). Classes commence at 8:50am and finish at 3:10pm.

## Interest in Student Progress

Parents are urged to take close interest in all aspects of their child's development. This includes supervising homework, attending parent/teacher interviews and simple tasks such as talking over the day's activities before bed.

## Home and School Committee

Parents are invited to attend and take an active part in the various activities of the Home & School Committee – including general meetings.

## Working Bees

These are held once a term and are advertised in the School Newsletter. Parents are asked to help with maintenance of equipment and grounds by participating in these scheduled working bees. This sort of voluntary help keeps the standard of equipment high and, at the same time, reduces the financial burden on parents. The annual maintenance fee of \$100 will be credited back to your tuition account - \$25 per working bee. Please ensure you sign the Working Bee Register before commencing work. This register is important should you ever be injured whilst working on the school property.

## Parents are also asked to help by:

- Promoting Christian values;
- Finalising all accounts by the due date;
- Complying with guidelines outlined in this handbook;
- Supporting and encouraging their children to do their best in school;
- Responding to requests and surveys promptly; and
- Praying for the school, students, teachers, support staff and associated families.

## Adornment

Clear nail polish only.

Earrings need to be clear, silver, gold, white or blue studs (**very small**) with only one per ear, in the lobe, permitted. It is now possible to get soft, clear plaster keepers – these are a safer option.

Other jewelry is not permitted.

## Mobile Phones

Student mobile phones need to be handed to the class teacher or the front office before classes start for the day. Phones can be collected immediately after class at the end of the day. Please note that any student using a mobile phone during school hours without the permission of the class teacher or principal, risks having the phone confiscated.

## Uniform

The correct wearing of formal school uniform and sport uniform is compulsory. The sport uniform is not to be substituted for the formal school uniform. Students are to be in the appropriate school uniform from the time they leave home until they return at the end of the day, unless otherwise notified by the school. This includes while travelling. If, for some reason, it is not possible to wear full uniform, students need to

bring a note from home explaining their situation.

## Student Responsibilities

Students of Victoria Park Christian School recognise that, at all times they are wearing the school uniform, attending school and participating in school events, they are representing the school and its standards.

### **Consequently the students of Victoria Park Christian School will:**

- Wear the correct uniform
- Behave in an acceptable manner at all times
- Obey the school rules
- Keep the grounds, buildings and furniture tidy and in reasonable order
- Not leave the school grounds without the permission of the School Principal or teacher in charge
- Respect the rights of other students to have a quiet, undistracted classroom learning environment
- Hand mobile phones to the office upon arrival at school
- Leave iPods, iPads and hand-held computer games, toys etc... at home
- Obey the bus rules while travelling on the bus
- Respect staff members and fellow students, addressing them in the proper manner at all times
- Not wear jewelry, make-up or other unnecessary adornment
- Act in a way that does not endanger the safety of others.

### **These behaviours are not acceptable:**

- Swearing and verbal abuse
- Lying and stealing
- Bullying – physical or verbal
- Cheating
- Disobedience, disrespect and defiance
- Drug and substance abuse
- Willful destruction of property
- Improper conduct such as rude gestures etc
- Tampering with school property eg; alarms, safe, reticulation, computers, etc
- Using profane and obscene language or possessing obscene literature, dvd's, etc

### **Some school rules exist to protect you and keep you safe – these are:**

- Throwing of sticks, stones or rubbish
- Leaving the school property during school hours without a teacher or adult supervisor's permission
- No dangerous substances are to be brought to school, ie knives,
- Report any broken equipment to teachers
- Games must be played in a way that is fair. There must be no deliberate hurting of others.

