



THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Within the University of Sydney

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

This Code of Conduct is based on the [University of Sydney's Student Charter 2020](#) and outlines the College's expectations of students with regard to their personal behaviour and academic conduct. Students are expected to become familiar with both the University and the College Code of Conduct as a condition of being a resident or affiliate member of the College.

A student of the College is presented with opportunities to interact with other members of campus colleges and the wider university community—a community that recognises and values the diversity of student experiences and expectations, and is committed to treating students, both academically and personally, in a fair, inclusive and transparent manner.

The College is committed to:

- High academic standards, intellectual rigour and a high quality education
- Intellectual freedom as defined by the University of Sydney and social responsibility
- Recognition of the importance of ideas and the pursuit of critical and open inquiry
- Tolerance, honesty, kindness and respect as the hallmarks of relationships throughout the College and wider community
- High standards of ethical behaviour and a philanthropic mindset.

All students are required to be aware of and act consistently with these values.

Any behavior which compromises the reputation of the College will be handled accordingly and may result in the termination of a student's residency or affiliation.

This Code of Conduct applies to all students of the College and their guests—resident and affiliate—in respect of all actions and activities relating to or impacting on the College, University, other colleges and universities, students and employees. It must be read in conjunction with the statutes, rules, and resolutions of the University of Sydney, regardless of which university a student attends.

Personal Conduct

All students must:

- Contribute positively to the Women's College community and display a responsible, respectful attitude at all times
- Be mindful of their own safety and security, and that of others
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner when representing the College, including within their university and in mentoring, external or internship contexts, etc.
- Treat all students, employees, alumnae, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and/or any other members of the public with respect, dignity, impartiality, courtesy and sensitivity
- Ensure a warm, welcoming approach to all new students—regardless of age or level of degree—to forge strong, inclusive relationships throughout the College
- Act honestly and ethically in their dealings with the College, university and all persons cited above
- Maintain a cooperative and collaborative approach to inter-personal relationships

- Read and respond respectfully as required to all official correspondence from the College, including email and telephone messages, and meet required deadlines; students should note that College staff expect to communicate with students themselves, rather than their parents—except in extenuating circumstances e.g. serious health matters
- Respect the privacy of students, employees, alumnae, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and/or any other members of the public
- Ensure that they do not act in a manner that unnecessarily or unreasonably impedes the ability of students, employees, alumnae, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and/or any other members of the public to carry out their study, research or work at the College and/or university
- Never engage in illegal activities and abide by all laws; failure to do so will result in cancellation of residency/affiliation
- Ensure that the College is kept informed of all relevant personal information which may, for example, impact their academic program, residency or affiliation
- Ensure that they do not act in a manner that unnecessarily or unreasonably impedes the ability of students, employees, alumnae, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and/or any other members of the public to access or use the resources of the College and/or University
- Ensure that they do not engage in, become involved in, or encourage discrimination against, harassment, sexual harassment, hazing or bullying of students, employees, alumnae, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and/or any other members of the College, university or public. Discrimination, harassment and/or bullying behaviours (including gossip, hazing, exclusion etc.) are unacceptable in any form, including in person and/or as a group, online, via mobile/mobile apps, and within/outside the College/intercollegiate community
- Honour their financial commitments to the College
- Abide by all College policies and procedures as amended from time to time; these are available on The Women's College Woogle.

Academic Conduct

All students must:

- Ensure that their academic enrolment and progress in their award course is lawful and consistent with the statutes, rules and resolutions of their university
- Be enrolled in a full-time study program (or part-time with the Principal's approval) at an Australian university recognised by the College in order to maintain their residency or affiliate status
- Achieve outcomes in their academic course/research work to the best of their abilities, taking their study program seriously and achieving a Pass grade in all subjects as a *minimum* outcome
- Advise the College of any change to their academic program and any actions their university may initiate regarding academic conduct, including academic dishonesty
- Act ethically and honestly in the preparation, conduct, submission and publication of academic work, and during all forms of assessment, including formal examinations and informal tests
- Avoid any activity or behaviour that would unfairly advantage or disadvantage another student academically
- Use College and university resources, including information and communication technology resources, in a lawful and ethical manner and for study purposes only, unless express permission has been granted for non-College, university or private usage.

Useful References

College

- Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination Policy, Guidelines and Procedure
- Grievance Management Policy, Guidelines and Procedure
- Student Grievance Management Policy, Guidelines and Procedures
- Academic Policy
- Internet Policy and Conditions
- Social Media Policy - Students
- Alcohol Policy and Procedures
- Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Student Handbook

University

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of the policies applying to students at the University. The full set of University policies is available on the Policy Register at: <http://sydney.edu.au/policies/>.

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