



## Joint Charter of Respect

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Respect is accepting somebody for who they are, even if they are different from you. At our Colleges, we believe that all students should feel comfortable and safe within our community. We believe that by working together, we can be a powerful force for good. As members of this community, we should be role models to other students. To do this:

### **Student Section:**

- I will use kind, respectful language.
- I will not make people feel bad about themselves or force them to do things they don't want to do.
- I will question people who aren't respectful, ask why they are not showing respect and call out bullying behaviour.
- I will listen when people ask me to be respectful and understand why I have been asked.
- I will be accepting of everyone.
- I will be respectful online and offline.
- I will suggest changes to teachers if I think something needs to be changed.
- I will ask others for help if I can't ask someone to be respectful by myself.
- I will try to help my classmates if they ask me for help.
- I know the school's core values and my classroom rules and what will happen if I break them.
- If any of these clauses are not followed again and again, teachers will have discussions with the student who broke them.

### **Staff Section:**

- I will try my best to put an end to discrimination wherever I encounter it.
- I will challenge upsetting views expressed by students.
- I will treat all students fairly and with equal respect.
- I will flag any concerns I have about students who have broken the charter to trusted adults.

### **Parent Section:**

- I will help my child to follow the clauses outlined in this Charter.
- I will encourage respectful behaviour and the College's ethos always.
- I will encourage respectful language at home, at school, and online.

Student's Name:

Signed by student:

Signed by parent/guardian:

Date: