

Holy Trinity Catholic High School – Student Code of Conduct

2026 - 2027

As a Christ-centred learning community, Holy Trinity Catholic High School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviours. Grounded in our Catholic faith and guided by Gospel values and our District 4 Core Values, this Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for student behaviour to ensure a positive school culture where all students can grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

Our Beliefs

We believe that:

- Every student is a unique child of God and deserves dignity and respect.
 - All members of our school community—students, staff, parents, and visitors—are responsible for promoting a culture of kindness, inclusion, and integrity.
 - Positive relationships are foundational to student success and well-being.
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Student Responsibilities

In accordance with the **Education Act (Section 31)**, students are expected to:

- Be diligent in pursuing their studies.
- Attend school regularly and punctually.
- Respect the rights of others in the school.
- Refrain from engaging in or attempting to engage in bullying or disruptive behaviour.
- Ensure that their conduct contributes to a safe and caring environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviours.
- Comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the district.
- Co-operate fully with everyone authorized by the board to provide education and other services.

- Be accountable for their conduct to school staff and others in positions of authority.
 - Positively contribute to their school and community.
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Expected Behaviour

Students are expected to:

- Treat all members of the school community with kindness and respect.
 - Follow school rules and classroom expectations, including during Liturgies and Masses.
 - Demonstrate academic integrity by completing their own work and using technology responsibly.
 - Care for school property and the property of others.
 - Dress in a manner that is respectful of self and others and conducive to a learning environment.
 - Report any unsafe behaviour, threats, or bullying to a trusted adult or staff member.
 - Students have a responsibility to contribute to safe and caring Catholic learning communities by refraining from acts of violence, threats, intimidation, harassment, and other behaviours that may cause harm. Students are expected to seek assistance from a trusted adult when they become aware of a concern, threat, or situation that may compromise the safety and well-being of others.
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Unacceptable Behaviour

Examples of unacceptable behaviour include, but are not limited to:

- Acts of bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind.
- Physical violence or threats of violence.
- Theft, vandalism, or damage to school or personal property.
- Use, possession, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco/vaping products on school grounds or during school activities.

- Academic dishonesty (e.g., cheating, inappropriate use of AI, or plagiarism).
 - Inappropriate use of technology or social media that disrupts learning or harms others.
 - Language that demeans, degrades, or dehumanizes others—including racial, ethnic, sexual, or gender-based slurs—violates the school's commitment to a safe learning environment. The use of profane, offensive, or biased language, **regardless of intent, context, or casual use between peers**, is strictly prohibited on school grounds and during school-sponsored activities.
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Liturgy Etiquette for staff and students

- No hats, bonnets, touques, etc. during school Liturgies; Religious head coverings are permitted (burka, turbans).
 - No cell phones, smart watches, meta glasses, or headphones.
 - Everyone is quiet, respectful and reflective from entering the start of the Liturgy (entering area) to the end of the Liturgy (exiting area).
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Cell Phone and Personal Device Use

In accordance with the **2024 Ministerial Order from Alberta Education**, students are **not permitted to use personal mobile devices (cell phones) during instructional time**, including during class, unless expressly authorized by the teacher and with permission from the Principal, for educational purposes.

Students:

- May store devices in lockers or designated classroom areas when not in use.
- Must respect the privacy and learning of others by refraining from recording or photographing, and/or posting without permission.
- Will face appropriate consequences if devices are used in a manner that disrupts learning or violates school policy.

The purpose of this policy is to promote focus, reduce distractions, and improve mental wellness during the school day.

Progressive Discipline

Holy Trinity follows a **progressive discipline** approach focused on learning and restoration. Consequences will be fair, consistent, and aimed at helping students understand the impact of their actions and make better choices. Possible interventions may include:

- Reflection or restorative conversations
- Parent meetings
- Detentions or loss of privileges
- In-school or out-of-school suspension (for serious or repeated misconduct)

Working Together

Creating a safe and respectful learning environment is a shared responsibility. Students, staff, families, and the wider school community are expected to work together to uphold this Code of Conduct and ensure all students feel valued and supported in their learning journey.

"Love one another as I have loved you." — John 13:34
