

Respect Statement

Every person is special and valuable. Gender, age, race, occupation, religion and size/physique have no relevance to a person's worth. Everyone has special worth because:

- Every person is created by God.
- We are created in God's image.
- God loves each and every person totally.
- Jesus Christ died for every single person.
- God has a plan and purpose for each and every individual person.

Respect is showing honour, and treating others well because they have worth. People like to be treated with respect. We need to be sure we treat others the same way. We also treat others with respect because of who they are and the position they have. Of course, such people need to show they are worthy of respect. But it takes time to earn respect and we need to extend basic respect in the meantime.

We should:

- Respect OTHERS generally for the above reasons. (this will show in both words & actions)
- Respect OURSELVES (because of our worth in God's sight).
- Respect our PARENTS and all OTHERS IN AUTHORITY over us (because God put them there and desires this of us).
- Respect PROPERTY (because it is the 'fruit' of someone's labour).
- Respect our ENVIRONMENT (because God created it for us to enjoy and benefit from and because he expects this of mankind).
- Respect the LAW OF THE LAND (because the Bible says we should).
- Respect and show reverence for GOD (because of who He is!).

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Respect to Teachers

How to display respect to staff

We want everyone to be able to learn in an atmosphere of love, respect, peace and discipline. We need to work on all aspects of RESPECT so it is an important feature of our lives – as individuals and as a school community.

In our school playground and learning areas the teacher is the person in charge. They have the authority of the College community and the wider society (that is by the Law of the Land) to promote learning by conducting their class in a fair, safe, healthy and respectable manner. This

authority originates from God, His Word tells us that we must obey/respect our parents and by the fact that your parents enrolled you here, this same type of respect applies.

By enrolling at this school you and your family also agreed to this:

“No disobedience and/or disrespect towards staff.”

In our class, on the bus, in the playground, everywhere at Whitsunday Christian College we are responsible for our behaviour (actions and words). We do not blame other people or other things for making us behave the way we do. Everyday we have to make choices on how we deal with situations. Even when we sometimes become angry with others or ourselves we need to act in an appropriate way. We always own our behaviour. So work hard to show respect.

Some hints if you find it difficult to display respect in a given situation:

Stop and listen to the teacher, that is, show that you are listening on the outside even if you have other feelings on the inside.

Wait until the teacher is finished. Give your side of the story when asked. DON'T BACKCHAT. Our system ensures you will have a right of reply, however, this may be a little later, for example, in student services.