Armadale Senior High School

CHOOSE RESPECT POLICY

RATIONALE:
At Armadale Senior High School there is a commitment to provide a safe, supportive environment for all members of our school community, so that students can achieve their full potential enabling them to participate fully in society.

To this end, there is commitment to develop and then maintain a “Culture of Respect” throughout our school community. This “Culture of Respect” is expressed in the following “Code of Behaviour”:

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:
Every member of our school community is encouraged to “CHOOSE RESPECT”.

To "CHOOSE RESPECT" is to make a conscious effort to:
• Treat others with Respect, no matter how they treat you.
• Treat yourself with Respect.
• Forgive others who do not treat you with Respect.
• Resist your natural desire to pay back or take revenge.
• Apologise when you do not treat others with Respect.
• Support others who are not being treated with Respect.
• Ask for support when others do not treat you with Respect.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES:
The following principles are fundamental to understanding and developing a "Culture of Respect".

Principle No. 1 Every human being is unique, and has inherent worth and value, and therefore, should be treated with respect. Respect is to be treated with care and consideration. This type of Respect is different to the type of respect that you can earn.

Principle No. 2 Respect is not only an attitude, but an observable behaviour. Respect will be clearly demonstrated in the following areas:
1) Respect for Others
2) Respect for Yourself
3) Respect for Property
4) Respect for Positions of Authority
5) Respect for the Environment

Principle No. 3 Every member of our school community knows inherently how to demonstrate Respect.

Principle No. 4 If a member of our school community is not treating others or themselves with Respect, they are making a conscious choice NOT to do so.

Principle No. 5 Every member of our school community is responsible for their own actions and choices. These actions and choices will always have consequences.

Principle No. 6 It is acknowledged that every member of our school community will at some time fall short of the “Code of Behaviour”. However, by providing an explicit standard or benchmark for what is right and acceptable behaviour, we are holding up a “standard of behaviour” to work towards.