



# Saint Paul's Catholic High School

## Home School Agreement

### Introduction

This home-school agreement is seen as an important partnership between the school, its parents and carers and its students that has at its heart the development of every student's potential to secure the highest level of achievement within the ethos of a Catholic education.

### Aims of the School

- to provide all students with equal opportunity to achieve their full academic, social and personal development within a Catholic community.
- to maintain a stimulating educational community within which all students' individual needs are known, understood and met, and which enables staff and students to work in a co-operative way.
- To ensure commitment to equality of opportunity for all, regardless of ability, race, gender or class, is shared by all and is central to all aspects of school life.
- To provide structures which ensure that students, staff, parents and members of the local community are actively involved in the life of the school.
- To give students an understanding of the complex and changing society in which we live, so that they are equipped to make decisions, and cope with the demands of the modern world.

### Teaching and learning

All students must be able to progress at the pace that is right for them. Each student is tested when he or she joins the school, and placed in an appropriate ability class. For those who have special educational needs, help is provided either in ordinary classes or in smaller groups. Provision is made for those students whose first language is not English. Regular reviews take place to assess whether students should move into a different ability class. Students are re-tested at the end of each year to measure the progress that they have made.

### Student behaviour

An excellent working atmosphere is essential. Our code of behaviour encourages students to show self-discipline and be responsible for the consequences of their actions. We expect high standards of attendance and punctuality, friendly and thoughtful behaviour towards others and for students to prepare themselves for lessons and learning. All students and parents are asked to sign this contract agreeing to uphold the school's expectations for student behaviour, attendance and the completion of homework.

### Homework

Students have to agree to complete and hand in homework on time. Homework is monitored by tutors and parents through a planner, which helps students organise their work. A disciplined approach to homework is an expectation to ensure a student is making the progress required.

### Parents' role

The school strongly encourages parents to support their children's education, believing that their involvement is vital for success. Parents are welcome to come into school or to telephone at any time, and our staff will always be available to help. They are expected to attend parents' evenings to discuss their children's progress.

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## Uniform

Every student is expected to wear compulsory school uniform of a black blazer with the school badge and tie in the year colour, black trousers for boys and a black skirt for girls and black leather shoes. Blouses and shirts should be white. Jumpers should be worn in the appropriate year colour. Hair accessories and jewellery, with the exception of a small pair of stud earrings are not allowed.

## The Partnership

### *The Student's Commitment :*

I agree to:

- \* Attend school everyday
- \* Arrive on time
- \* Attend all lessons punctually
- \* Be friendly, co-operative and thoughtful
- \* Remember books and necessary equipment
- \* Focus on making progress
- \* Be involved fully in activities
- \* Always try to do best work
- \* Always complete and hand in homework on time
- \* Always wear the correct school uniform
- \* Record all relevant information in my 'School Planner'
- \* Abide by the school behaviour policy

Signed by Student .....

### **The Family's Commitment :**

We/I agree to:

- \* Maintain the spirit of this partnership
- \* Support the school in upholding its standards and policies
- \* Ensure that my child wears school uniform
- \* Ensure that he or she does the homework set
- \* Monitor and sign the School Planner
- \* Allow my son or daughter to go on educational visits supervised by a teacher and other responsible adults
- \* Attend all meetings as requested
- \* Support learning as a life time commitment
- \* Support the school behaviour policy

Signed by Parent/Carer .....

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## The School's Commitment :

The school agrees to see that each student:

- \* Has a Catholic education appropriate to age ability and talent.
- \* Will provide a safe and well resourced environment conducive to producing the best work
- \* Clearly understands the lessons and relevance to her or his course of study
- \* Has the structural support in which to make progress
- \* Feels a sense of achievement - having learned something or how to do better
- \* Feels valued by her or his teacher and that her or his work is regularly assessed and commented upon
- \* Is fully involved in any activity so that time is spent positively
- \* Acts co-operatively and responsibly
- \* Understands homework instructions
- \* Has her or his 'School Planner' monitored on a regular basis
- \*

The school agrees to see that each parent/guardian/carer:

- \* Is regularly kept informed of their child's progress and of any problems
- \* Is informed of any sanctions that might have to be applied to their son or daughter in accordance with the behaviour policy
- \* Be invited to discuss progress with teachers at regular intervals
- \* Is asked to attend events that celebrate students' successes or displays of their work
- \* Knows they can always contact their son or daughter's tutor or a more senior member of staff if that is appropriate
- \* Has financial support where the family resources may prevent the full participation of their son or daughter in school events and activities

Signed by Interviewer .....

**(Signed on behalf of the School)**

Date: .....

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