

College Code of Agreement

John Curtin College of the Arts is committed to building capacity in students' academic pursuits but to make each child the very best person they can be by celebrating achievements in all facets of education using creativity to promote excellence and nurture wellbeing.

We use the Arts as a vehicle for student engagement and motivation. The Arts at John Curtin is as much about providing dynamic opportunities for all students as it is about developing transferable life skills such as empathy, creative and critical thinking, collaboration and the ability to communicate, all important attributes for any future pathway.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

A high level of attendance and punctuality is necessary for students to achieve their full potential. The Department of Educations has identified at least 90 per cent attendance as the requirement for full participation in learning.

Learning to manage homework and subject requirements is a priority and students need to learn organisational skills to effectively plan and manage their study program in all subject areas.

ATTITUDE, BEHAVIOUR AND EFFORT

It is important that all learning experiences have an effective and productive learning environment for all students. Therefore, it is essential that students demonstrate a committed and respectful approach to their work, teachers and fellow students. Students are expected to demonstrate *College Values* at all times and in all situations.

EXTENDED LEAVE

All learning programs have a developmental structure and any extended absence may seriously affect the progress of the individual student. The Department of Education has taken a firm position against extended student leave for holidays during a school term. All requests for an extended absence must be submitted to **Student Services** and approved by College Executive.

ACADEMIC BALANCE, PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

Students are encouraged to be responsible for all aspects of their learning. This includes their ability to construct and keep to schedules and timelines, organise resources, manage their progress, make necessary changes to ensure their success, and be able to negotiate and problem-solve with peers, parents and staff. Communication is key to achieving balance. We require our students to be focused, motivated and committed to the overall life of the college.

The college encourages students to seek assistance from Student Services staff, Heads of Learning Area or College Executive if they are experiencing problems with achieving a balance across subjects.

GOOD STANDING

This policy provides a system of rewards and recognition for positive participation in the college and for honouring the college values. The intention of the policy is to reward students who are actively participating in their learning and encourages positive attitudes towards learning and school. It is also the intention of the policy that students see Good Standing as something to be valued and maintained. All students are given Good Standing when they enrol at John Curtin College of the Arts. Students who maintain their Good Standing are eligible to participate in the full range of extracurricular, social, sporting and enrichment activities offered by the college.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The college has a specified uniform and students are expected to accept the requirements in order to always retain Good Standing Status and have access to all the extra opportunities provided at the college.

To ensure students have adequate uniform items, parent/caregivers are expected to place orders at the end of the previous year. Winter items should be ordered at the same time to ensure students have requirements in sufficient time for the colder months. Uniforms are available from Uniform Concepts Willetton Super Store or the college Uniform Shop open on Thursday mornings 8am to 11am. The Willetton store's trading hours are Mon, Tues, Wed and Frid 9am to 5pm, Thursday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. For further information visit the college website <https://www.jc.wa.edu.au/community/uniforms/>

COURSE COSTS

By the end of Term 1 full payment of college charges or a regular payment plan is expected. Parents/carers who are experiencing difficulty regarding payment should contact the Associate Manager of Business Operations to arrange a payment plan.