

Vaal Christian School Policy

Language code

Vaal Christian School is an English medium establishment. Learners are urged to recognize and adhere to the speaking of English whilst at School. Vernacular ought to be avoided and Parents are encouraged to speak English at home to their children to facilitate easier grasp of their subjects at School.

BOARDING SCHOOL POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to Vaal Christian School Boarding facility. Thank you for choosing our facility and we wish you a very happy and blessed stay. Below are the rules and regulations of our facility. Please read and ensure you understand and follow them well. The purpose of rules and regulations in the Boarding School is to ensure all Boarders enjoy a safe and pleasant environment and to give each Boarder the opportunity to achieve his/her goals without any interference through unruly behaviour.

A. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All Boarders must respect our rules and regulations. Vaal Christian School is run on biblical principles as stated in the Word of God.
2. All Boarders must attend prayer meetings whenever those meetings are held. Sunday services are compulsory.
3. We assume that when you applied for accommodation in the Boarding School, you were already familiar with our policies and that you willingly submit yourself to obeying them.
4. The Boarding School is not a rehabilitation centre. It is an institution for learning and living in a Christian environment, where the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus have pre-eminence.
5. Only Boarders who are prepared to behave Christ-like, will be accepted. They must show respect for God and have a desire for the things of the Lord.
6. Boarders must be able to take care of themselves e.g. wash and dress themselves, be responsible for their belongings and keep their rooms neat.
7. Boarders must do their homework and study during study sessions.
8. Staying in the Boarding School is not a right but a privilege to Boarders who obey and respect authority.

Any learner who abuses this privilege by breaking any of the rules in the School or Boarding School, will be asked to leave this facility.

B. BOARDING SCHOOL RULES

1. Please respect your fellow Boarders at all times.
2. Boys – stay out of the girls' dormitories at all times!! Girls – behave likewise!.
3. Writing on walls, doors or any other property of the School/Boarding School, is strictly forbidden.
4. Vandalising School or Boarding School property is strictly forbidden.
5. Boarders are not allowed in their Hostels during the following hours:

Primary School Boarders from **7H30 to 13H30**

High School Boarders from **7H30 to 14H30**.

This is when you should be in class!

6. Using or being found in possession of the following, could lead to immediate expulsion:
 7. Cigarettes, any form of tobacco, drugs or alcohol.
 8. Weapons of any description.
 9. Pornographic material.
 10. Condoms.
11. The following would likewise be grounds for expulsion:
 12. Fighting and bullying.
 13. Swearing, foul, coarse or vulgar language.
 14. Leaving School /Boarding School without permission.
15. Only Boarders are allowed in the Boarding Schools, no day scholars.
16. **No Cell phones please!** Cell phones will be confiscated.
17. **Dress code:-**as prescribed by the authorities only!.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

We are all very proud of our Campus here at Vaal Christian School. We are constantly labouring to maintain the school buildings, the boarding facilities, the gardens and play grounds. It is a full time job for Mark, Meshach and Joseph, our Maintenance Team, and they work very hard to keep up!

But at times, they become very disappointed when the Learners do not bring their side to this tough and often thankless task. Windows are broken, (sometimes by accident+), doors are pulled out of their hinges, door handles broken, ceilings are destroyed and curtains torn. Learners very seldom offer information concerning the culprit.

Management has now decided that where there is such damage, and the occupants of the room cannot or will not provide the name of the culprit, **the damage will be debited equally to the accounts of all the students in that room.**

Please understand that we see no other way of ensuring that these facilities are kept in good condition for all the Learners, and that the cost for this is recovered. We also believe it is important that our Learners grow to accept responsibility for their place of stay and assist us in maintaining it. If you have any queries or advice, feel free to contact Administration.

SECURITY

In the last year, we experienced unauthorised people and goods moving in and out of our School premises. To secure our learners and assets, we are in the process of installing security cameras and our own team of Safety Officers to ensure a vigilance and responsive approach at our Hostels.

We therefore request all parents and visitors to cooperate with the following security measures introduced:

- All persons entering our premises without an official access card, will be required to complete the visitor's book.
- Safety Officers will randomly search vehicles entering and leaving VCS premises. Please cooperate with patience!!
- Briefcases and handbags may also be searched.
- Please declare any items other than your briefcase/hand bag, to ensure easy exit from the School. This includes items such as laptop computers, printers, PC's, furniture, etc.
- Should it be necessary to take out any school property (eg for repairs/servicing), please ensure that the appropriate gate pass has been generated. Any items for which there is not an appropriate gate pass, will be confiscated and retained

LAUNDRY POLICY

The following items will be washed by the laundry staff:

- All learners' uniform items including shirts, skirts, pants & jerseys
- Towels
- Jeans and golf shirts (1 set / weekend)

The following additional items will be washed for **grade 1 to grade 5 learners only:**

- Bed sheets
- Duvet covers
- Pyjamas

The following items **WILL NOT** be washed for **grade 6 to grade 12 learners:**

Private clothes other than Pyjamas, 2 Bed sheets, Duvet covers or duvets.