

STATEMENT OF VALUES AND SACRED HEART PHILOSOPHY

At Duchesne College, we are guided by a set of core values that underpin our mission, vision, and actions. Our Statement of Values and Sacred Heart philosophy (Statement of Values) define who we are as an institution and provide a framework for our commitment to excellence in community living, engagement, and education.

The purpose of the Statement of Values is to articulate the core beliefs and principles that guide the behaviour and decision-making of Duchesne College residents, associate members, and guests/visitors.

Residents, associate members, and guests/visitors are expected to abide by and uphold the values throughout their duration at the College. Any contravention of the Statement of Values or the College's Policies and Procedures will be addressed in accordance with the consequences for breaches of Policies and Procedures.

Our values are underpinned by the five goals of Sacred Heart Education, which focus on: A personal and active faith in God	We acknowledge and respect the diverse beliefs of our community and aim to promote understanding, tolerance, and acceptance of a wide range of religious and spiritual perspectives, making room for diverse conceptions of the divine. In an inclusive approach to God, the focus is on fostering unity, empathy, and cooperation among our community of different faiths and belief systems.
A deep respect for intellectual values	We are committed to the principles and ideals that underpin the pursuit of knowledge, critical thinking, and the development of the mind. This involves recognising the significance of intellectual growth, curiosity, and the open exchange of ideas.
Building community as a Christian value	We understand the importance of maintaining authentic connections with members of our community. This includes fostering an environment that nurtures a sense of belongingness, compassion, and kindness to make a positive impact on the world.
A social awareness that impels to action	We are a responsible and engaged member of society that is attuned to the social, cultural, economic, and environmental issues affecting our community and beyond.
Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom	We promote an environment that encourages and supports individuals on their journey of self-improvement and development, while simultaneously providing the necessary structure and guidance to make informed, responsible choices that are honest, ethical and with integrity.

These Values serve as a compass that guides us in our daily activities, decision-making processes, and interactions with our community and beyond. They reflect the essence of Duchesne College and our commitment to providing an exceptional learning and living environment that promotes compassionate, respectful, and positive engagements and contributions to our society.

BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS

Regarding each of our Values, the College is committed to building and maintaining a culture based on respect and integrity and setting the highest behavioural standards.

We expect all members of the College community, including guests and visitors to behave in a professional manner and treat each other with fairness, honesty, and mutual respect. All members are expected to be collegiate and to encourage and support each other.

A respectful and supportive environment in which everyone can live, grow, and flourish, includes the prohibition of unacceptable behaviour, bullying, harassment (including racial, religious, and sexual harassment), and discrimination. All members of the College, including bystanders who observe such behaviours are encouraged to report such conduct and any victimisation of persons who raise those concerns will not be tolerated.

Further, all students are encouraged to be independent learners with a high level of self-discipline and organisation skills. As such, it is expected that all students:

- Maximise the educational, professional and leadership development opportunities;
- Promote a learning and living environment whereby all members of the College community feel safe, supported and respected;
- Ensure that language and behaviours display a respect to the wider community as well as College facilities and resources;
- Respect others by building and maintaining positive relationships; and
- Adhere to the College's Policies and Procedures.

All students are required to be conscious of and act consistently with these Values, College Policies and Procedures, UQ Policies and Procedures, and their enrolling institutions as amended from time to time.

Where the College finds a student in breach of its policies and procedures, the College may take disciplinary action, including but not limited to verbal warning, written warning, verbal or written apology to a person found to have been impacted by the breach; contribution to cost of repairing damage or replacing damaged items, commitment to a Community Living Success Plan, temporary suspension from the College or permanent suspension and refusal from re-enrolment.

Duchesne College
30 January 2024



Student Agreement to the Statement of Values and Sacred Heart Philosophy

I,, a student at Duchesne College hereby agree that I have read and understood the Duchesne College Statement of Values and Sacred Heart Philosophy and agree to be bound by it. I agree to act consistently with these Values, College Policies and Procedures, UQ Policies and Procedures, and my enrolling institutions as amended from time to time.

I understand that should I be found in breach of the College's policies and procedures, the College make take disciplinary action in respect of this breach.

Signature:..... Date:.....