

CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT



STUDENT'S NAME: _____
(please print)

PARENTS AND STUDENTS SEEKING ENROLMENT IN PADUA COLLEGE ARE REQUIRED TO READ THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT AND SIGN ACCEPTANCE OF SAME.

Parents and students accepting these ***CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT*** are reminded that in doing so you enter into a contractual agreement with the school authority (in the person of the current Rector) and the governing body - The Board of Directors, Padua College Limited.

- A. Padua College is a Catholic school, and a community inspired by the vision of Saint Francis of Assisi where the Gospel values of joy, courtesy and peace are fostered. Participation by every student in the Religious Education program is required, including attendance at College Liturgies. Exemption from this vital dimension of the school's life for any reason would be unacceptable, even from those enrolments accepted from other than Catholic students and families.
- B. Membership of this school community implies specific relationships between students, parents and the school; relationships that are founded on our core Gospel beliefs. Acceptance, courtesy and respect and dignity must, therefore, be accorded to every member of the College community. Bullying, intimidation or threat to other persons in any form is counter to every value we hold dear, and will not be tolerated and may result in suspension or expulsion from the College.
- C. Padua College has an over-riding need to ensure that its standards and values are accepted and cherished by all members of its community. When appropriate and necessary for the school's disciplinary code (aimed at ensuring a safe and controlled environment in which all can develop to their full potential) or to ensure the physical and moral safety of all students, the College reserves the right to confiscate forbidden or dangerous property, and to take whatever other necessary action the College considers appropriate in its absolute discretion (including but not limited to searching of lockers, bags, desks, etc) to deal with those suspected of threatening, by commission or omission, the good of this College community.
- D. Prohibited drugs are forbidden. The possession, use or trading of such substances by students when on College property, in school uniform or when associated with the College in any capacity, will lead to immediate exclusion from the school. Likewise, the use of tobacco and alcohol is not permitted by students while in uniform, on College property, or in any situation in which they may be representing the College.
- E. Any student possessing a weapon or using or threatening to use any item or instrument as a weapon, may be suspended immediately. A weapon can be defined as *'any object, device or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use, is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm or which may be used to inflict injury'*. Such a matter may be reported to the police in accordance with Section 51 of Weapons Act (1990). This condition of enrolment is referenced by the Brisbane Catholic Education Management of Weapons in Schools Guidelines.
- F. Padua College has a clear and required uniform and grooming code, the full acceptance of which must be made before enrolment can be validated:
- normal schoolboy haircuts are required: **no** layered, rigid or under-cut styles are acceptable.
 - students must be clean-shaven, with side burns no longer than to mid-ear.
 - no shaved styles; though reasonable length crew cuts are acceptable.
 - no extremes or variations to the student's normal hair colour.
 - hair must be off the ears and collar and when combed forward it must be out of the eyes.
 - a watch worn on the wrist is the only form of jewellery allowed.
 - black leather and cleaned shoes are to be worn.

- G. Attendance at evening House Eucharist, AIC Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Prize Giving Evening, and other activities associated with Padua College community life, are compulsory. Dates for these are shown in the calendar handed to families at the beginning of the year.
- H. Camps and excursions as set out in the College's yearly calendar are integral to the life of the College. Apart from medical reasons (supported by a Doctor's Certificate) or unavoidable family emergencies, attendance is required. The College accepts its responsibility to ensure Duty of Care in all such situations.
- I. Co-curricular activities are integral to the Curriculum of the College and are important ways in which the gifts of every student can be nurtured and shared. In the matter of Sport, participation as designated in the College's timetable, and on other occasions arising from our membership of the Associated Independent Colleges [AIC], or by the House System, is required as part of the life of the College and integral to the growth and development of each student. Participation by all - according to the relative abilities of each student - is mandatory. Students are not to play club sport or take up employment that would mean they are unable to play competition sport for the school or attend training sessions. Students will only be allowed to nominate for representative teams provided such commitments do not clash with school commitments and they have the Rector's written approval.
- J. The College requires that all tuition fees, subject levies and other charges that fund the education of boys at Padua will be promptly paid. It is unreasonable and unjust to other families if fee accounts are not kept up to date and paid promptly.

The College requires that a minimum of one term's notice be given in writing for withdrawing a student from the school. A full term's tuition fees will be charged should this notice not be given.

- K. It is a condition of enrolment that both the parent/guardian and the student must comply with all policies and rules of the College that are in force from time to time. By signing these Conditions of Enrolment, the parent/guardian acknowledges that the parent/guardian may be required to ensure the student's compliance with such rules and policies and to sign and enter into other agreements on behalf of the student during the course of their education with the College (for example, to participate in the student technology program). The failure of the parent/guardian to enter into these separate agreements with the College will result in the student's exclusion from participating in the activity or program.
- L. It is a condition of enrolment that Students may be photographed/videoed during College sanctioned activities, and their image and/or name used in publications of the College including but not limited to, any internet site, year book, promotional material or press release, unless the Parent/Guardian writes to the Rector and expressly requests that no such use be made of their son's image and/or name.

Please sign below and return this entire form to Padua College; parents may retain a copy for their home files.

I have read and understood all these requirements and fully accept them; recognising the College's right to ensure that all who seek a place in this school are aware of expectations and agreeable to all Conditions of Enrolment.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian [Father]: _____

Parent/Guardian [Mother]: _____

Date: _____