

# School council code of conduct

*[Con-duct: (noun) personal behaviour; way of acting; bearing, or deportment]*

Each member of the school council is expected to participate by acting with justice, compassion, integrity, and honouring the dignity and wisdom of others by adopting the following code of conduct (not in priority order):

## **The school**

- 1 actively embracing and promoting the mission and values of the school
- 2 not intruding into the role of the principal as manager of the school
- 3 not making public statements on behalf of the school
- 4 taking shared responsibility for the stewardship of the school

## **Statutory requirements**

- 5 complying with the spirit and letter of the law
- 6 acting honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the school
- 7 complying with ASIC requirements and those of other regulatory bodies
- 8 refraining from making improper use of information
- 9 respecting privacy and confidentiality

## **Meetings**

- 10 attending all school council and committee meetings as required
- 11 undertaking the reading and preparation required for meetings
- 12 retaining necessary documents with care and security
- 13 if unable to attend a council meeting, forward apologies in a timely manner

## **Decision making**

- 14 demonstrating solidarity by being loyal to school council decisions, even if personally opposed to the decision
- 15 engaging in ongoing learning activities related to school governing processes
- 16 regarding dissent and disagreement as important to decision making
- 17 keep an open mind and be willing to enter into dialogue through being alert to alternative solutions
- 18 devoting adequate time to allow for full and active participation in decision making
- 19 being independent in judgement and actions and take all reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of the decisions
- 20 openly declaring any potential, perceived, or actual, conflicts of interest
- 21 resolving disputes or grievances with respect and fairness to others