



Saint Mary's Catholic College

Code of Conduct for Spectators/Audience Members at Events

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Saint Mary's Catholic College through its motto "Realise Your Dignity", values and recognises the achievements and efforts of all. As such, our College community will not accept poor, abusive or offensive behaviour directed at sportspeople, performers, officials, staff, students and community members. Such behaviour is contrary to our Benedictine Values: Be Respectful; Be Responsible; Be Safe; Be Just; and Be Your Best.

There is no place for poor abusive or offensive behaviour at College events, because:

- ⇒ These events are primarily for minors.
- ⇒ Being a school community we encourage positive role modelling.
- ⇒ These behaviours promote a poor image of our College community.
- ⇒ Abusive and offensive behaviour is both illegal and immoral.
- ⇒ These behaviours fall well short of the Christian ideal to "Treat others as we ourselves would like to be treated" which is the foundation for our motto "Realise Your Dignity".

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Spectators/Audience members at College events are reminded that students by their nature are learners and are therefore not professionals. Their efforts are to be encouraged and their mistakes understood in terms of their continued development.

Spectators/Audience members at College events should:

- ⇒ Demonstrate sporting/acceptable behaviour at all times.
- ⇒ Politely and appropriately recognise the achievements of all.
- ⇒ Respect the legitimate authority (officials/MCs/staff members) etc. at these events.
- ⇒ Never shout abusive, threatening or derogatory remarks at any other person.
- ⇒ Never threaten or assault any other person.
- ⇒ Behave in a manner which represents the Saint Mary's Catholic Community positively.

Action Table:

Breach at event	At a Saint Mary's run event	At outside event
1st or minor instance (abusive or unsporting language, minor threats)	The spectator/audience member is warned about their behaviour by the SMCC organising staff member and warned about the consequences of	Officials/organisers are made aware of the situation and requested to control the spectator/audience member.
2nd or major instance (aggressive or threatening behaviour)	The spectator/audience member will be directed to leave the venue. The game/activity/performance may be stopped until the spectator/audience member complies.	Saint Mary's student/s are withdrawn from the game/activity/performance until the situation is resolved. If unresolved, the Saint Mary's group will forfeit the game/leave the venue and seek redress later
Refusal to follow lawful directions to leave the venue or actual violence/criminal activity.	Police will be called.	Saint Mary's student/s withdrawn from the game/activity/performance and Police are called

As a last resort, the children of re-offending Saint Mary's parents and carers may be withdrawn from activities at the discretion of the Principal.