# Pioneer School Rules and Regulations

All Pioneer students must uphold the name of the school and maintain excellent conduct outside the school, regardless whether they are in school uniform or not. They are expected to be responsible, exercise good self-discipline and be exemplary in conduct and abide by school rules.

#### **1.** Safety and Responsibility

- Look out for each other's well-being and safety
- Act and play in a safe and responsible way
- Report any injuries, unsafe practices or faulty equipment to a teacher immediately
- Abide by Safe Management Measures (SMM)
- Have his/her TT token with him/her always, mask up and wash his/her hands regularly
- Regularly wipe down in the canteen and classrooms
- Keep the school clean at all times and do not litter
- School facilities are to be used according to the intended purposes. Students must abide by the rules at the respective facilities to ensure safety is not compromised

#### 2. Attendance

- Daily attendance in school during term time is **<u>compulsory</u>**
- If a student is absent, he/she must submit a valid medical certificate or a letter of excuse (a maximum of <u>5</u> letters per semester) with documentary proof to the Form Teacher

#### 3. School Attire and General Appearances

- Students are to wear the prescribed school uniform and modifications to the uniform is not allowed
- Students are to wear PE/House attire for all PE lessons and game events
- Both school uniform and PE/House polo shirts are to be tucked in neatly (Refer to Page 11)
- Students entering the school premises outside curriculum time are to be in proper school attire. Students not in proper attire will not be allowed into the school premises

#### 4. Grooming

- Hairstyles
  - Hair must be short and neatly combed
  - For girls, long hair must be neatly tied-up or plaited with black rubber bands, ribbons or scrunchies
  - Tinted or dyed hair is not allowed
  - Only modest hairstyles appropriate are allowed (Refer to Page 12)
  - Male students must be clean-shaven, and not to wear beards or moustaches
- Shoes and Socks
  - Sports shoes are not allowed except during games/sports CCA. Wear only plain white socks which must fully cover the ankles
  - Students are encouraged to wear the school socks
- Accessories
  - Finger nails are to be kept short, clean and unvarnished at all times
  - Wearing of make-up or ornaments such as rings, bracelets, necklaces or bangles, whether religious or not, is not allowed

### 5. Classroom Conduct (Before/During/After Lessons)

All students can help create a positive learning environment by adopting the following good attitude and behaviours:

- Respect and greet all teachers and students
- Obey and abide by class rules
- Be attentive during lessons
- Complete your homework daily and submit it on time

## 6. Mobile Phones

- Students are discouraged from bringing their mobile phones to school. School <u>will not</u> be held responsible for any loss of mobile phones
- Mobile phones **must be switched off** during school hours
- Confiscated mobile phones will be returned <u>only to parents/guardians</u> after <u>2</u> working days

## 7. Prohibited Items

- All students are not allowed to have in their possession any weapon. They are also not allowed to bring any weapon-like item which can be used or intended to be used to cause harm to others
- Smoking or possession of tobacco products including e-cigarettes and vapes are not allowed

#### 8. Items Banned in School

The following items **MUST NOT** be brought to school:

- Toys
- Laser pointers
- Hazardous items
- Computer games
- Matches and/or lighters
- Card / board games
- Sharp-pointed objects (e.g. pen-knife, metal ruler)
- MP3 players, tablets, iPad or other electronic devices

Confiscated items will be returned only to **parents/guardians** after **2** working days.

## CONSEQUENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

Students must be responsible for their actions and accept consequences as a result of the choices they made.

#### **Types of Offences**

Types of offences are categorised as per offence record form used for discipline matters.

	Attendance related Misconduct	Misconduct	Theft / Damage of Property	Other Serious Offences
•	Truancy Latecoming Skipping classes Leaving school grounds without permission Other attendance related offences	<ul> <li>Bullying</li> <li>Forgery</li> <li>Littering</li> <li>Disruptive behaviours</li> <li>Abuse of technology</li> <li>Not doing assignment</li> <li>Use vulgar language</li> <li>Open defiance and rudeness</li> <li>Improper attire and grooming</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Arson</li> <li>Vandalism</li> <li>Theft, shoplifting</li> <li>Other theft /damage related offences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Smoking</li> <li>Gambling</li> <li>Pornography</li> <li>Substance abuse</li> <li>Assault and fighting</li> <li>Possession of weapons</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Cheating in tests and/or examinations</li><li>Other misconduct</li></ul>		

## **Possible Consequences for Offence/s Committed**

For each case of offence or misconduct, consequences for the student may vary upon consideration of possible mitigating factors. Consequences include detention, caning and suspension. In cases of serious offences or misconduct, the Principal has the authority to decide on the administration of corporal punishment as a consequence. He/She may also delegate the task to a Vice-Principal, a Head of Department or another senior officer in the school.