

## **POLICY**

### **Student Code of Conduct**

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#### **1. Policy Summary**

The Tasmanian Polytechnic is committed to providing a quality learning community that reflects workplace and society expectations and standards on all campuses.

This Policy defines the relevant expectations and standards related to student behaviour at the Tasmanian Polytechnic and the potential consequences for unacceptable student behaviour.

#### **2. Policy Statement**

To provide clear guidelines and standards for acceptable behaviour for all students enrolled in the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

The intent of the Policy is to minimize behavioural issues on Tasmanian Polytechnic campuses, and provide clear, consistent management guidelines aimed at maintaining a quality learning environment.

All members of the Tasmanian Polytechnic community and those visiting Polytechnic sites can expect an environment and interactions that are:

**Safe and Healthy:** Student behaviour must take account of the physical and emotional safety of others, be in line with Workplace Health & Safety standards and follow the specific requirements of the learning area they are operating in.

**Respectful and Considerate:** Student behaviour must include treating others with respect, be free from intimidation, aggression and violence and must allow others to freely participate in their chosen activities.

**Fair and Equitable:** Students must ensure they do not harass, bully, intimidate or treat others unfairly. Their behaviour must allow others to freely access the Polytechnic experience and not disadvantage individuals or groups or treat them with bias or discrimination.

**Honest and Legal:** Students must act within the law at all times, in line with Workplace Health & Safety legislation and Education and Training (Tasmanian Polytechnic) By-Laws 2010. The By-Laws specify requirements in areas including:

- General conduct including:
  - Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs;
  - Control of vehicles;
  - Possession of an animal other than a guide dog;

- Smoking;
- Conduct in relation to
  - Assessment
  - Polytechnic property
  - Obstructive behaviour
  - Disorderly behaviour.

### **Breaches of the Student Code of Conduct**

When a student's behaviour does not comply with the Code of Conduct the processes outlined in the "Procedure for Student Code of Conduct" will be implemented.

When the Student Code of Conduct is breached, the Tasmanian Polytechnic undertakes to deal with the matter in accordance with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness, guided by the Education and Training (Tasmanian Polytechnic) By-Laws 2009.

An appeals process is available to students who have been deemed to have breached the Student Code of Conduct, as per the "Procedure for Student Code of Conduct".

### **3. Responsibilities**

Student Support and Development

All Tasmanian Polytechnic Staff

### **4. Related Legislation/Policies**

Student Code of Conduct Procedure

Implementing the Code of Conduct – Attachment I

Education and Training (Tasmanian Polytechnic) By-Laws 2010

Relevant Tasmanian and Commonwealth legislation relating to Workplace Health & Safety and Anti-Discrimination.

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