

Enrolment Contract

By signing this Contract, parents will be accepting the Offer of a place for their child at Australian Christian College* and the conditions detailed in this Contract.

There is a section at the end of this contract for terms and conditions that are specific to On-Campus or Distance Education.

Please read the Contract in its entirety before signing.

College Responsibilities

The mission of Australian Christian College* (ACC or The College) is to provide a Biblical foundation for life, to encourage each student to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to encourage each child to reach their spiritual, academic, social and physical potential. ACC also promotes values and attitudes as defined by the ACC Student Learner Profile available on the college website.

Although the College supports families and students in achieving the best possible outcome, the College cannot guarantee a particular level of achievement for each student.

The College will take reasonable steps as defined in the Duty of Care Policy and the Child Protection & Mandatory Reporting Policy to ensure the safety of all students.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parent/Guardians acknowledge that they seek a Christian education for their student and that the College is a faith-based school. Accordingly, it is expected the child will participate fully through their attendance and effort in faith-based activities and subjects as planned by the College.

I/We understand that the enrolment of my/our child is conditional upon this full participation and attendance in the set curriculum and related activities, including those of a specifically Christian nature, including camps, excursions, pastoral care and sport programs.

I/We understand that Biblical values as articulated will form the basis of the education that my/our child will receive at the College. I/We understand that because of the College's Christian ethos certain attitudes and standards of behaviour are expected, which include:

1. Support of the student's participation in faith-based activities and teaching including the ACC Statement of Faith.
2. Respect for the practices of all Christian denominations.
3. Support and respect for Christian values, morals and ethics of the College.
4. Respectful interactions in our dealings with staff and students.

I/We understand that we as parents/guardians are primarily responsible for the conduct and attitudes of my/our student while enrolled at the College and will refrain from all conduct that might not be in the best interests of our and other students, and that I/We will refrain from all conduct that could bring the College into disrepute.

I/We will endeavour at all times to work in partnership with the College.

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Behaviour & Expectations

I/We are aware that College Policies and rules are readily available on the College website.

I/We understand that during the student's enrolment at the College, the student will be bound by all rules, regulations and Policies authorised by the College. I/We as far as is practical, will ensure that the student complies with those policies and rules. I/We also agree to support and/or comply with these policies and rules developed for the good running of the College.

I/We understand that there are risks associated with the use of technology and that students must be particularly careful to avoid all misuse of technology which, if it occurs, will attract College penalties and also may attract offences under Criminal Law.

I/We understand also that the Principal or their delegate may initiate reasonable disciplinary measures for student failure to comply with directions given by a person in authority, or for failure to comply with the College policies and rules.

Student conduct, out of school hours, which brings the College into disrepute will be disciplined.

The Principal may expel the student from the College for conduct considered sufficiently serious or harmful whether that is a single incident or an on-going series of behaviours.

Where discipline may involve expulsion of the student, the Principal or delegate will not proceed to expulsion until allegations of misconduct have been put to the student, or the student's parents and the student has been allowed an adequate opportunity to respond (natural justice).

The College may conduct a search of the student's personal property including all technology where it is reasonable for the College to do so, or as part of a general or random search of a place where the College conducts its activities.

I/We understand that the College takes no responsibility for the actions of the student on the internet in the home environment. I/We understand that the College strongly encourages all parents to install software to monitor and block inappropriate content on the internet.

At times student conduct will be reported to State Authorities as mandated by law.

The College may confiscate forbidden or dangerous property.

Your Relationship with ACC

It is important to emphasise that the basis of the Student Enrolment Contract with parents for their child's education is a partnership based on mutual support of the College's Christian values, goals and mission. These values are entrenched in the College's documentation and are themselves, non-negotiable.

Concerns need to be addressed as they arise to enable the College and parents to respond transparently and fully.

I/We, as parent/s or guardian/s, acknowledge that should I/We engage in conduct which the College considers to be prejudicial to the interest and/or reputation of the College, or sufficiently breaches the contractual relationship, the College may terminate this Enrolment Contract. This clause includes but is not limited to communication via all forms of social media.

The College will communicate with and provide educational information to both parents unless otherwise directed by Court Order.

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Health

I/We have disclosed completely to the College any medical, learning, psychological or other condition that my/our child has that affects academic performance, health, safety or ability to participate fully as a member of the College community. I/We agree to disclose promptly any emergent circumstances or conditions arising whilst the child is attending the College. Such information may result in special consideration of his/her education needs.

I/We understand that, unless in exceptional circumstances, the student will live in the care and control of the family. I/We agree that the Principal or delegated representative, in the event of any medical or other emergency involving my/our child, where it is impossible or not practical to communicate with me/us, will act as considered appropriate and expedient, and that I/we will be responsible for any medical cost/outlay incurred in such process.

A parent or emergency contact person will be contacted where a student needs to be sent home. This may also occur if the student has an infectious illness or condition.

The Principal has discretionary right to close the College during an epidemic or other serious circumstance affecting the health and safety of the College community.

Insurance & Limited Liability

The College provides limited personal accident insurance for students.

I/We understand that the College will not accept liability for the damage or loss of personal effects and does not insure student property.

Publication

I/We understand that the name and image of my/our student will be used in all forms of school media and marketing. Please submit written advice to the college if you do not wish to have these details published.

Child Protection & Pastoral Care

The College recognises its legal duty of care toward its students and that protecting students from harm and the risk of harm is fundamental to maximising their personal and academic potential. For this reason the welfare and best interests of the student will always be the primary consideration. Therefore, Pastoral Care is offered and recommended to every student as required where the Pastoral Care team sees fit.

I/We understand that the College has a Child Protection Policy that covers the actions to be taken if a member of staff or a parent/guardian becomes aware or reasonably suspects that harm has been done to a student of the College by other staff, people outside the College, or by other students. Actions taken include the mandatory reporting to the relevant authority.

I/We understand that it is reasonably expected of parents and guardians to support measures adopted by Pastoral Care staff for my/our child's best outcome.

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Academic & Co-Curricular Programs

I/We understand that the College may alter its academic and other programs at any time.

The College will arrange excursions from time to time. The College will inform parents/guardians of intended excursions involving the student. Additional permission forms may be required from time to time by subject or class teachers for excursions requiring specialised permission. Notification of excursions, camp details and activities will be advised to parents/guardians prior to the event.

I/We consent to the student attending excursions and camping activities with the College.

Notice of Withdrawal

I/We understand that my/our student can leave the College without penalty in the event that there is at least six term weeks or more notification prior to withdrawal.

Failure to provide the minimum of six term weeks notification will result in the parent/guardian being liable for 6 term weeks' fees in lieu of notice.

I/We understand that student academic reports are only issued to students who have attended a complete semester at the College (Term 1 & Term 2 or Term 3 & Term 4). Partial academic reports will not be issued.

I/We understand that the school cannot provide copies of existing academic reports that have been issued to students. The archiving and maintenance of these records is solely the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Termination of Enrolment

I/We understand that the Enrolment Contract may be terminated by the College if:

1. The student is expelled from the College.
2. At the end of a school year the College does not wish to continue the Agreement for the following school year for sufficient reason.
3. Mutual trust and cooperation between the parents/guardians and the College breaks down.
4. Parents/guardians are in breach of this Agreement and fail to remedy the breach within a reasonable time after receiving written notice from the College requiring them to do so.

I/We understand that parent/guardians may terminate this Contract at any time, with notice to the College in writing if:

1. Parents/Guardians can no longer afford to pay school fees
2. Parent/Guardians consider the College is in breach of the Contract and fails to remedy the breach within a reasonable time after written notice from the parents/guardians requiring the College to do so.

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Fees & Financial Responsibilities

The College will determine the fees annually before the commencement of the relevant school year. By entering this contract I/we have determined that as parents/guardians I/we have the resources to pay for the student's College Fees and other Payments.

I/We will be responsible jointly and severally for the payment of all specified College fees applicable to the education of the student/s named on this form during their enrolment at the College. I/We undertake to meet all fees and charges addressed in payment options.

Should payment of fees become difficult, I/we agree to discuss the matter promptly with the Principal and adhere to any individual arrangements as set down by the Principal or nominee.

Should the payment of fees not be made, I/we understand that the offer of enrolment may be suspended or terminated, and my/our child will no longer be enrolled at the College. I/We understand that the termination of enrolment on the basis of non-payment of fees will be at the sole discretion of the College. Where the enrolment is discontinued, the unpaid fees will still be a debt due and owing to the College.

In the event that there is an outstanding debt owing to the College, the College will report the outstanding debt to VEDA* which will record the debt on the consumer credit file.

* VEDA – For more information go to www.veda.com.au

Should fees in arrears be recovered by a collection agency I/we, the undersigned, understand that I/we will be liable for all associated fees and charges.

I/We undertake to have all fees paid in full by the conclusion of each academic year.

If the Enrolment Contract is terminated by the College, the College will not be obliged to refund any pro rata proportion of the fees.

Policies & Procedures

The current versions of the College's policies can be accessed via the 'Community' tab of the ACC Schools website.

Terms and Conditions

On Campus Students only

College Responsibilities

The College hours of service and supervision are posted in the community section of the school website.

The College will inform parents/guardians regularly about how their child is progressing and will contact parents/guardians as soon as possible if the College is concerned about the child's school work, behaviour, attendance or punctuality.

Attendance

I/We understand that the College's attendance policy is available on the school website.

I/We agree to advise the College of any absenteeism as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

I/We understand that a leave of absence needs to be in accordance with the attendance policy and relevant state requirements.

I/We understand that unexplained or extensive absence from school may have educational and contractual consequences. The College will not be able to make up lessons or instructions for unexplained or unauthorised student absences.

Distance Education Students only

NSW Students Only - I/We understand that the student must attend the mandatory residential program.

Access to ACC Resources

I/We understand that the student's enrolment in distance education includes access to programs and content that are copyrighted by ACC or used under license by a 3rd party provider. I/We will not misuse these resources including but not limited to copying resources for the purpose of using the resources without maintaining enrolment in ACC.

Attendance

I/We understand that attendance in distance education is defined by the completion of a record of attendance by the onsite supervisor and the completion of work in the distance education program.

Failure to complete the attendance record or to complete work in the distance education program is grounds for withdrawal from the College.