



## School Rules

The School Rules have been established in partnership with the community over a long period of time. They reflect the school community's expectation of acceptable standards of behaviour, dress and personal presentation in the widest sense. Students are expected to abide by the School Rules when in school uniform or when engaged in activities that are associated with the school. At these times a student is deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the school for the purpose of these rules.

1. Students are subject to school discipline from the time they leave home until they return home and are expected to meet a high standard of behaviour both inside and outside the school grounds.
2. The school uniform is to be worn, tidily and correctly both at school and between home and school at all times. This includes the journey to and from school each day. Hair must be clean and tidy, with long hair, both for boys and girls, tied back off the face, primarily for health and safety reasons. Excesses of current fashions are not acceptable. Boys are to be clean shaven. No jewellery, except a wristwatch, is permitted for boys. Girls may also wear a small, plain gold or silver stud earring in the lobe of the ear. Non-regulation items, including jewellery, may be confiscated. Tattoos, cultural or otherwise, must not be visible.
3. The following items are **not** to be brought on to the school grounds:
  - Alcohol
  - Drugs
  - Any device associated with the use of drugs
  - Synthetic cannabis
  - Chemicals
  - Cigarettes or tobacco
  - Vaping/vaping devices
  - Glass Bottles
  - Knives or other weapons
  - Lasers
  - Chewing gum
  - Lighters/explosive or dangerous materials
  - Matches
  - Marker pens
  - Skateboards
  - Expensive bicycles or bicycle accessories or other costly equipment
4. **Electronic Devices:** Electronic devices are permitted at school but students are discouraged from bringing these unnecessarily. Classroom use of electronic devices, such as cameras, ipods, ipads, laptops and tablets, as tools for learning is increasing. However, use of these, in the classroom, is at the discretion of the teacher and must be appropriate to purpose.

**Cellphones:** While cellphones are permitted at school, use of cellphones at school must be appropriate. It is not acceptable or appropriate for students to send/receive text messages or phone calls in class. If appropriate, permission may be given by teachers for cellphones to be used as a tool for learning, eg; to

take a photo, video record an experiment, or to access information. At all other times, during class time and assemblies, cellphones are to be switched off and in bags.

NB: The inappropriate use of any electronic device for the following is also prohibited and may result in serious consequences:

- a) the unauthorised taking of any still or moving images.
- b) the unauthorised sharing or posting (electronic or otherwise) of any still or moving images.

5. The following behaviours are strictly forbidden both on the school grounds and when students are away from the school grounds but under school jurisdiction. These behaviours may constitute gross misconduct which is a dangerous and harmful example to other students, and may result in a detention, stand down or suspension. This list is not exhaustive.
  - Being in the possession of, distributing, or consuming, alcohol, illegal drugs, synthetic cannabis, cigarettes or vaping/vape devices.
  - Distributing printed or electronic literature of any description without the permission of the Associate Principal, including material which is obscene, offensive, or inappropriate for a school setting
  - Stealing
  - Bullying, intimidating or harassing another person, including by cyber or txt, and includes physical, sexual or mental harassment
  - Assaulting or using violence of any kind against another student, staff member, or member of the public, or threatening to use violence
  - Using obscene or inappropriate language, or engaging in obscene and inappropriate behaviour
  - Behaving in a rude or disrespectful way towards other members of the school, or wider, community, such behaviour reflecting badly on the school and the MAGS Way
  - Causing loss or damage to school property, or the property of another member of the school, or wider, community
  - Cheating or otherwise misleading the school, including during the course of an investigation by the Associate Principal, Headmaster or Senior Manager
  - Failing or refusing to comply with school directions or instructions regarding attending detentions
  - Accessing inappropriate websites, on the school computer systems or while under school jurisdiction, or distributing material from such sites
  - Failing to comply with instructions or directions from the Headmaster, Associate Principal or Senior Manager
  - Otherwise behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute
6. Students are required to attend all classes and remain in the school grounds during the school day.
7. Requesting student leave
  - All requests for extended leave from school must be addressed in writing to the Headmaster at least two weeks prior to the required date, where possible.
  - Emailed leave requests should be sent to the Headmaster via his PA at [paheadmaster@mags.school.nz](mailto:paheadmaster@mags.school.nz)
8. Students are required to be punctual at school, and must attend Period 1 from 8.45am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9.15am on Thursday.
9. In cases of absence
  - Parents must notify the school by telephone (09 846 2044 ext 8142) or by email [attendance@mags.school.nz](mailto:attendance@mags.school.nz) on the morning of the absence. This may be done using the school App.
  - Students are to bring a note confirming the reason for their absence on the day they return to school.
  - The absence note must be given to their Form Teacher.
10. Students who are late to school must obtain a late pass from the Student Centre in order to be admitted to class.

11. All articles of clothing, shoes, books, bags and other personal property must be clearly marked with the owner's name. No responsibility can be accepted for unmarked property. Students who lose (or find) items of personal property should, in the first instance, report to the Student Centre.
12. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike racks between the grandstand and the pool, or at the bottom of N Block. They should be securely locked to the racks. Basic Traffic Department Road Safety Rules must be obeyed on the way to and from school. Bicycles may not be ridden in school grounds. It is compulsory for all students riding bicycles to wear a helmet.
13. Students wishing to bring motor vehicles or motorcycles to school must register their drivers licence and vehicle registration details with the Associate Principal Ms Williams. Student cars must not be parked in the school grounds and risk being towed.
14. Students are not permitted to travel in a vehicle that is being driven by the holder of a restricted licence.