## ST. DOMINIC CODE OF CONDUCT

## **BACKGROUND**

St. Dominic School Code of Conduct defines the values and vision of the school community in which all relationships are conducted in a respectful and dignified manner. Catholic schools, share with parents, the responsibility to develop students' personal and social skills to achieve this vision. Consequently, we believe:

Each person within our school has the right to feel emotionally and physically safe.

Each person has the responsibility to contribute to a safe, positive learning environment.

## **EXPECTATIONS FOR:**

#### Students

- 1. In accordance with the Education Act, students are accountable to the school coming to and from the school, during the school day including the noon hour and during school sponsored activities such as field trips, and social or sporting events.
- 2. attend school regularly and observe the rules of the school,
- 3. participate willingly in the learning program,
- 4. relate to all members of St. Dominic with a basic level of respect
- 5. respect others' safety, wellbeing and property,
- 6. be accountable for behaviour and responsive to reasonable, related and respectful consequences and
- 7. participate in creating a safe, positive environment conducive to learning.

#### School Staff

- 1. participate in creating a safe, positive environment conducive to learning,
- 2. maintain the school code of conduct and
- 3. involve students in developing classroom discipline practices which utilize reasonable, related and respectful consequences that will model, teach and reinforce appropriate behaviour.

# Parents/Guardians

- 1. support their child(ren) in regular and punctual attendance at school,
- 2. support their child(ren) in the completion of homework assignments,
- 3. participate in creating a safe, positive, learning environment and
- 4. work and cooperate with the school to resolve concerns involving their child(ren).

# **INCIDENT RESOLUTION FOR:**

## **Students**

The Education Act states, "In all cases, students will be subjected to such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent." With this in mind one has to recognize and appreciate that there is no "formula" for dealing with unacceptable behaviour. Each incident that is brought to the attention of the school administration will be handled as the situation requires.

# Staff

Conduct for staff is governed by collective agreements and locally developed school board policy. Concerns related to the conduct of staff are directed to the Principal for follow-up.

