



KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Rationale

Senior students are post compulsory students and as such desire to be treated as young adults who are capable of taking responsibility for their learning and behaviour. Schools seek to provide each student with skills for life long learning including the taking of responsibility for one's own learning and behaviour.

Policy Statement

Rights and responsibilities for senior students need to provide a balance between the requirements of the school, parents/guardians and students. It must always be noted however that schools cannot abrogate the duty of care owed to students whilst under the school's supervision. Students must allow the school to meet that duty of care.

Responsibilities of Parties

• **Katherine High School will:**

- facilitate meetings of a Senior Executive (elected by senior students) to discuss school related issues and provide recommendations to the school's Seniors' Group for its consideration
- maintain a *Study Pass* system for Year 12 students allowing them to sign out during study periods (if approved by parents/guardians)
- provide a separate study area for senior students in the school Library
- allow senior students to drive and/or ride to and from school (if they meet all legal requirements) and to park vehicles in a designated student car park
- provide senior students with opportunities to run weekly assemblies and to host various other school functions
- provide toilets reserved for senior students (located at the end of R Block)
- support senior students in their organisation of end-of-year functions including related fund raising activities

• **Senior Students will:**

- provide leadership to the student body by setting the appropriate example of responsible behaviour and cooperation with staff members
- attend all classes, Home Group meetings, Year Group meetings and Assemblies punctually and appropriately dressed
- sign in late and/or provide a valid explanation (i.e. a medical certificate, a letter or a phone call from a parent) if classes are missed
- complete accurately and return punctually all documentation required by the school
- leave the school grounds only with a note from parents and/or valid *Study Pass* after only after signing out at the Front Office
- use the study area (in the Library) appropriately and not interfere with the rights of others to learn
- observe all the parking, speed and registration procedures required of students driving or riding vehicles to and from school

- meet all the requirements of the *Katherine High School Assessment Policy*
- devote at least an average of two hours per night six nights a week to homework and study
- limit the time devoted to paid employment whenever possible to the SSABSA recommended maximum of ten hours per week

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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