

MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND

CODE OF CONDUCT

You have achieved the honour of being selected in an ensemble that will represent your school, community and state in a range of public performances and events at the local, state, national and international level. As such, you will be acting as an ambassador not only for this group, but also your family, school and community. At times, you will be joined by other performers and tutors. These may be from outside the NSW government school community. This Code of Conduct has, therefore, been developed to guide the behaviour of all individuals involved with the Millennium Marching Band. As a responsible member, you are required to abide by this Code of Conduct. Your behaviour will determine the opinions that people hold of us. Our aim is to ensure the Millennium Marching Band is held only in the highest regard.

General Behaviour

- At all times, members are expected to conduct themselves in a polite and respectful manner. You are expected to respond appropriately and promptly to suggestions, instructions and criticism from any staff and/or chaperones.
- In particular, the use of inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Behaviour (including inappropriate language) that disrupts rehearsals, or causes offence, disturbance or distress to others is not appropriate or acceptable at any time.
- It is expected that members will maintain a neat and tidy appearance at all times.
- Members are to be punctual to all scheduled activities, particularly rehearsals, observe the stated meeting times for meetings and return from free-time at the time specified.
- No member is to leave the group or the immediate vicinity of the group without advising or seeking the permission of a staff member/chaperone.
- No males are to enter accommodation occupied by females for any reason.
- No females are to enter accommodation occupied by males for any reason.
- No member is to be out of their accommodation after the stated lights out time or before the stated wake-up time except in an emergency situation or with the knowledge and permission of a staff member/chaperone.

Failure to meet these guidelines may result in action ranging from a warning to immediate exclusion from further participation in this activity.

Smoking

- Any student enrolled in a government school is not permitted to smoke.
- Any member under 18 years of age is not permitted to smoke.
- Members 18 years of age or over and no longer enrolled at school must adhere strictly to smoking policies that may be in place at various locations and in various circumstances.
- All rehearsal and performance venues are no smoking zones.
- Smokers must absent themselves from the vicinity of school aged students when smoking.

Failure to follow these policies concerning smoking will result in action ranging from a warning to immediate exclusion from further participation in this activity.

Alcohol

- Alcohol is not to be brought to any rehearsal or performance venue.
- Alcohol is not permitted on buses or coaches.
- No member under 18 years is permitted to consume alcohol at any activity.

- The supply of alcohol to members under 18 years of age is an offence and will not be tolerated.
- All members must observe the laws as they exist concerning the supply and consumption of alcohol.

Failure to follow these policies concerning alcohol will result in immediate exclusion from further participation in this activity.

Illegal Drugs

- The supply, possession or taking of illegal drugs is not permitted at any time by any member.
- Any drug related offence (including suspicion) will result in a call to the police.
- All members must observe the laws as they exist concerning the supply and taking of illegal drugs.

Any proven drug related offence will result in immediate exclusion from further participation in this activity.

Weapons

- Firearms, knives and other dangerous or illegal weapons or materials that may cause harm to others are prohibited.

Any member found in possession of such material will face immediate exclusion from further participation in this activity. The police will be called.

Sexual Behaviour

- Sexual activity while in attendance at a sanctioned activity or function is considered to be inappropriate behaviour.

Sexual behaviour that breaches the law will result in immediate exclusion from further participation in this activity.

Personal Violence

- Any form of abuse (including emotional, verbal, physical or sexual abuse/assault) will not be tolerated.
- Where abuse or assault breaches the law, the police will be called immediately.

Members involved in any form of abuse or assault will be excluded immediately from further participation in this activity.

Exclusion

- Failure to adhere to policies and guidelines, whether stated or implied, as outlined in the Code of Conduct may result in exclusion from this activity.
- Members who are excluded will be sent home on the first available service at their own expense
- Limitations may be placed on members who have not learned their music or cannot march correctly. These may include exclusion from some or all performances.
- Members excluded due to a breach of this Code of Conduct will not be entitled or receive any refund of fees paid or released from financial commitments entered into prior to exclusion.

This Code of Conduct is designed to help protect the well-being of all involved with the Millennium Marching Band, and to help ensure everyone has an enjoyable association with the organization. Your co-operation in helping meet this objective by adhering to this Code of Conduct is greatly appreciated.