

# Behaviour Expectations Agreement



The Onehunga High School Rules reflect the values and expectations of our school community regarding behaviour, attitude to learning, uniform and personal presentation. These expectations support a school environment where respect, responsibility, and positive relationships allow all students to focus on what matters most: effective learning and achieving personal excellence.

Students are expected to always uphold these standards when they are in school uniform, on school grounds, travelling to and from school, or participating in any school-related activity. During these times, students are under the jurisdiction of the school and subject to its rules. Behaviour that is respectful and considerate of others helps maintain a safe and focused learning environment for everyone.

## School responsibilities

- WAKA values guide expectations for how we learn, interact, and contribute to our school community.
- Clear boundaries and consistent routines help create a safe and focused environment.
- Positive relationships between staff and students are built on mutual respect and high expectations.
- Behaviour is addressed in a way that supports learning, reflection, and restoration.
- Students, staff, and whānau all play a role in shaping an inclusive and respectful school culture.

## Student responsibilities

- Uphold the school Waka values of Respect, Resilience, integrity and Excellence, underpinned by loyalty and courage.
- Always respect school staff by following instructions.
- Always respect students, using the WAKA values to guide your interactions.
- Always represent the school positively when in uniform or involved in school-related activities.
- Wear the correct school uniform tidily and completely, including to and from school.
- Hair must be clean and tidy and of a natural colour, with no extreme fashions.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted without prior approval. One small plain gold or silver ear stud per ear or a Māori taonga may be worn.
- Use devices only for learning when instructed by a teacher.
- Phones and headphones must remain off and out of sight whilst on the school grounds.
- Respect others online and offline. No unauthorised filming, photographing, sharing of images, or audio is allowed.
- Avoid and report harmful or unsafe content, conduct, or materials—including offensive websites, cyberbullying, or the use of inappropriate language.
- Not bring to school: alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia, synthetic cannabis, vaping devices, cigarettes, glass bottles, weapons (real or imitation), lasers, lighters, chewing gum, or other unsafe or prohibited items.
- Respect the school environment by treating the school property with care and report any damage, theft, or loss.
- Keep the school clean, use the bins provided.
- Securely lock bicycles in the designated area and wear a helmet. Bicycles may not be ridden on school grounds.
- Not travel in a vehicle driven by someone on a restricted license.
- Register details with the school if bringing a motor vehicle or motorcycle and understand that student vehicles may not be parked on school grounds.
- Take responsibility for their personal belongings, clearly label items, and understand the school is not liable for lost property.
- Comply with all school policies and understand that serious misconduct—whether on school grounds or under school jurisdiction—may result in disciplinary action.

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### Parent/Caregiver responsibilities

- Support the school's expectations around behaviour, uniform, attendance, punctuality, and digital use.
- Ensure their child attends school every day and arrives on time, ready to learn.
- Notify the school promptly of any absence and submit extended leave requests in writing or via SchoolBridge.
- Ensure their child has the correct uniform and required learning materials each day, including a charged device.
- Reinforce school expectations through regular conversations at home.
- Monitor their child's attendance, punctuality, and engagement with learning.
- Engage respectfully with the school in a three-way partnership to support their child's learning, wellbeing, and conduct.

**Note:** This agreement will remain in force as long as the student is enrolled at the school. If it becomes necessary to add/amend any information or rule, parents will be advised in writing.

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*Please complete this section and return a signed copy of the agreement to the school.*

**I have read this agreement, and I am aware of the responsibilities of the school, the student, and the parent/caregiver.**

**Student name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Caregiver name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Caregiver signature** \_\_\_\_\_