

Sutherland Christadelphians Culture Code of Conduct

Statement of Commitment

Our values and principles reflect the commandments of Christ
We live by and consistently model Christ-like behaviour to all
Breaches of this Code of Conduct will be managed by all Sutherland members

Codes

Everyone participating in our activities and events (including ecclesial members, students, children, parents, volunteers and visitors) should strive to follow this Code of Conduct:

language	Be polite & respectful
	Be truthful
	Be positive & encouraging
	Avoid gossip, defamation, vulgarity & profanity
behaviour	Be respectful, courteous, & caring (not abusive, bullying, violent or offensive)
	Be honest
	Be cooperative (not divisive or inflammatory)
	Be sympathetic & empathetic
	Strengthen & encourage others
	Be inclusive rather than discriminatory
	Be consistent with our Safeguarding Children Policy
physical contact	Be respectful
	Be acceptable to all the parties encountered & to observers
	Be regarded as safe, without causing or intending to cause harm
	Be consistent with our Safeguarding Children Policy

relationships with children	Mutually encourage, support, & promote Christ-like attitudes & behaviours
	Be consistent with Bible teaching in all our relationships
	Do not develop any 'special' relationships with children that could be seen as favouritism such as the offering of gifts or special treatment
promotion of safety & well-being of children & young people	Be a positive role model
	Set & maintain clear boundaries & appropriate behaviours in all interactions
	Listen & respond appropriately to children's views & concerns
	Ensuring another adult is always present or in sight when conducting one-to-one coaching, instruction, or other activities
	Not doing anything of a personal or private nature that children can do for themselves (such as toileting or changing clothes)
	Report any reasonable belief that a child has been, is being, or is at risk of being abused
	Responding quickly, fairly & transparently to any complaint by a child, young person, or their parent / caregiver to ensuring our duty of care

requirements for breaches	To act consistently with Bible principles & practice
	To achieve acknowledgement & reconciliation / restoration between different parties
	To restore harmonious relationships
	Management of alleged misconduct must be consistent with Matthew 18:15-17 (considering the context within this chapter)
	All ecclesial representatives must manage complaints & breaches of this Code
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with Bible principles
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with our Safeguarding Children Policy & our Constitution
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with Government requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report all criminal acts to the appropriate authorities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If appropriate, arrange for pastoral care for a person affected by a breach of the Code of Conduct

Please refer to the Sutherland Christadelphians Safeguarding Children Policy whose Code of Conduct takes precedence in relation to children.

Based on the ACE suggested template for a [Code-of-Conduct-2020](#)