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## POLICY STATEMENT SOME RULES OF THE ROAD

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### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 It's important to ask for help when you need it: knowing when to seek help and being willing to ask for it are common characteristics of successful people.
- 1.2 Your Home Teacher, Student Counsellor, the Learning Support staff, Chaplain, Year Coordinators, the School Leadership Team, and any teacher are all ready and willing to give advice or support at any time. So if you're having schoolwork or personal problems, do the smart thing and ask for help before things get on top of you. Plenty of students will be happy to give you support too. Everyone understands that you can't always do it on your own. Hillbrook has written policies on bullying and harassment and protection from harm for students, and these are contained on the school website.

### 2.0 Some Rules of the Road

As in all institutions, there are several non-negotiable conditions that students are required to meet due to safety, legal or other requirements:

- 2.1 On arrival at school students must remain on the school property unless they have permission to leave from the Principal, or a Deputy Principal.
- 2.2 Any potentially dangerous or threatening activity such as having a weapon at school, throwing things, fighting or bullying is totally unacceptable. (A student in breach must expect to face suspension or dismissal from the school.)
- 2.3 It is a legal requirement that students must be in areas that are clearly visible to staff at all times.
- 2.4 It is also a legal requirement that students arriving late for school must report to reception and check in with a member of the administrative staff.
- 2.5 Alcohol and/or cigarettes are not to be used by students at school, coming to or going from school, or on any school activity. No illegal drugs are allowed on school premises, or on any school activities including coming to or going from school. Any student involved in any such illegal drug activity must expect to be dismissed from the school.
- 2.6 Students wishing to drive to and/or from school, or be a passenger with a student who drives to school, must have written permission from their parents or guardians and must negotiate conditions with the school's administration. Students are expected to set high standards of safety and responsibility in their driving.
- 2.7 Students have the right to express a choice among the official varieties of the school uniform, and the responsibility to wear it well, within these choices.



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- 2.8 Students have the right to travel to and from school unsupervised, and the responsibility to behave in such a way as to enhance their own and the school's reputation.
- 2.9 Chewing gum is a major litter problem and is not allowed at school.
- 2.10 Students are encouraged to enjoy each other's company at school. More intimate relationships are a private matter, and have no place at school or on school functions.
- 2.11 Students who have not met their commitments by lunchtime on the last day of term are required to use the afternoon to do so. Leaving at lunchtime on that day is a privilege, not a right (A student who breaches this requirement can expect to make up the time during the school holidays.).