

Culture



READY

At our school, being *ready* means arriving on time, in correct uniform, and fully equipped for learning every day. It looks like students entering lessons promptly, organised with the right books and materials, and settling quickly so learning can begin without delay. Being ready also means bringing a positive attitude—showing curiosity, resilience, and a willingness to try, even when things feel challenging.

RESPECTFUL

Being *respectful* means treating everyone in our school community with kindness, consideration, and dignity. It looks like listening carefully when others are speaking, following instructions the first time, and valuing the contributions of others. Respect is also shown through good manners—saying please and thank you, acknowledging mistakes, apologising when needed, and showing appreciation for the support of staff and peers.

SAFE

At our school, being *safe* means making choices that protect yourself and others at all times. It looks like attending lessons punctually, behaving responsibly in classrooms, corridors, and social spaces, and following school routines and expectations. Students who are safe contribute to a calm, orderly

environment where everyone can learn, feel secure, and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Alongside our three key components of a positive CULTURE above are three skills we develop in our students:

BEING GRATEFUL

In our school, being *grateful* means noticing and appreciating the support, opportunities, and kindness we receive every day. It looks like students saying thank you to staff and peers, recognising the effort others make, and valuing the resources and experiences available to them. Gratitude helps to build a positive, supportive atmosphere where everyone feels valued, strengthening relationships and creating a culture where people want to do their best for one another.

APOLOGISING

Being able to *apologise* means taking responsibility when things go wrong and making a genuine effort to put them right. It looks like students reflecting on their actions, acknowledging mistakes without being prompted, and offering sincere apologies when they have fallen short of expectations. This skill is vital because it builds trust, encourages honesty, and supports a culture where we learn from our mistakes and continuously improve.

MAKING A STAND FOR OUR CULTURE

Making a stand for our culture means actively upholding our shared expectations of being ready, respectful, and safe. It looks like students doing the right thing even when no one is watching, encouraging others to follow expectations, and calmly challenging behaviour that does not reflect our values. This is important because it empowers everyone to take ownership of the school environment, ensuring that our culture is strong, consistent, and shaped by the positive actions of the whole community.