**Respecting Personal Space – No Touch Policy**

**Help for non-English speakers.**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Clyde Secondary College at clyde.sc@education.vic.gov.au

## **Purpose**

To explain Clyde Secondary College’s policy in relation to respecting each other’s personal space and to ensure that we have a safe and respectful learning environment for all our school community.

## **Scope**

This policy applies to all students whilst at school or any school activities, including camps and excursions.

## **Policy**

Students are not to have physical contact with any other students. Students need to keep a respectful distance between each other.

Exceptions to this rule include acceptable handshakes, other cultural greetings and where required as part of the school curriculum program.

Students must always keep in mind that not everyone is comfortable with being hugged or touched but may not be feel comfortable expressing this. This policy aims at protecting both parties from any perceived or actual inappropriate conduct.

Staff will use their professional judgment when enforcing the policy.

**COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

* Annual reminders in our school newsletter
* Available publicly on our school’s website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
* Included in staff handbook/manual.
* Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings.
* Included in transition and enrolment packs.
* Discussed at parent information nights/sessions.
* Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

## **RELATED POLICIES and resources**

Child Safe Policy

**POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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| Policy last reviewed | March 2024 |
| Approved by | Principal |
| Next scheduled review date | March 2027 |