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1. INTENT

This Student Code of Conduct Policy sets out the University's expectations of its Students. The Code of Conduct is framed using the University's values of:

Integrity – being ethical, honest and fair;

Respect – considering the opinions and values of others;

Rational inquiry – motivated by evidence and reasoning; and

Personal excellence – demonstrating the highest personal and professional standards.

2. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

This Student Code of Conduct Policy applies to all Students.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. The [University Glossary](#) and the following definitions apply to this policy:

TERM	DEFINITION
Staff	Any person employed or engaged by the University, including adjunct or honorary lecturers, and employees of third-party organisations teaching or delivering services in partnership with the University.
Student	A person considered to be Student as defined in the Admission, Enrolment and Academic Progress Rules at the time of any occurrence relating to this policy.
University Community	All Staff and Students of the University, together with the University's placement hosts, business partners, third party providers, clients, guests and visitors.

4. POLICY CONTENT

Principles

- 4.1 Students are the University's highest priority. The University's goal is to provide a high-quality learning experience in a scholarly, safe, inclusive and respectful environment, and to continuously improve the quality of its Courses and services to Students. The University is committed to providing all Students with equivalent opportunities, and promoting an environment free of racial, sexual, religious, cultural, physical and other discrimination.
- 4.2 The University expects Students to commit to their studies and contribute to University life in the manner set out in this policy.

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- 4.3 The University is committed to the value of **Integrity**. ECU Students are expected to:
- provide information to the University which is accurate, current, complete and not misleading;
 - meet their financial obligations to the University including timely payment of fees, charges and other costs associated with enrolment;
 - act honestly, fairly and ethically in the preparation, conduct, submission and publication of academic work;
 - respect the privacy of others and not unreasonably disclose the University's confidential information or intellectual property to others; and
 - act in accordance with University statutes, rules, by-laws, policies and procedures as they apply to Students.
- 4.4 The University is committed to the value of **Respect**. ECU Students are expected to:
- treat all members of the University Community respectfully and courteously;
 - not engage in any behaviour which would be considered harassment, intimidation, victimisation or bullying;
 - not engage in any adverse discriminatory behaviour on grounds such as gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, age, disability, or political conviction;
 - respect the importance of professional boundaries between staff and students;
 - be responsible in all forms of social media including maintaining respect for the social media audience and having an understanding of the University's [Social Media Policy](#); and
 - respect and use responsibly the University's facilities and equipment, as well as respecting the rights and property of other Students and third parties engaged by the University.
- 4.5 The University is committed to the value of **Rational Inquiry**. ECU Students are expected to:
- maintain a cooperative and collaborative approach when dealing with the University Community and allow others to communicate openly and voice alternative points of view;
 - comply with all University and relevant third-party health and safety requirements, and take care that their words and actions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other people; and
 - when providing feedback, provide constructive and non-discriminatory feedback on University teaching and services so that the University can undertake continuous improvement.
- 4.6 The University is committed to the value of **Personal Excellence**. ECU Students are expected to:
- actively engage with their learning and strive for excellence by attending classes, online forums, placements and work-integrated learning activities, and meeting obligations to themselves and other Students and staff, including by making contributions to group work and meeting Course requirements;

- b) seek to engage positively with the University and the wider community;
- c) represent the University to others in a responsible and respectful manner;
- d) stay up to date with University communications; and
- e) consider the actions and behaviours of other Students and Staff and be willing to communicate any concerns to the University.

5. ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor has overall responsibility for the content of this policy and its operation.

The Director, Student Life is responsible for maintaining this policy.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [University Statute No. 22 Student Conduct](#)
- [General Misconduct Rules \(Students\)](#)
- [Academic Misconduct Rules \(Students\)](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Research Misconduct Policy](#)
- [Responsible Research Conduct Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Study Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Study Procedures](#)

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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8. APPROVAL HISTORY

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