



Amano Christian School - Behaviour Policy for the Hostels

1. Aim

The aim of this Behaviour Policy is to ensure that all students living at Amano Christian School can:

- Be safe and respected by others
- Be able to carry on their studies without hindrance or harassment
- Know the school rules and expectations of other students and staff
- Know what is likely to happen when rules are broken

2. General Guidelines

Lists of hostel rules will be published from time to time. They will be displayed on notice boards and explained to students. All students will be gathered together and reminded of these rules at the beginning of each term.

The Dorm Parents and their Assistants in charge of the hostel are responsible for maintaining order and discipline during the hours students are 'at home' in the dorm. If a student does not respond to disciplinary action taken by the staff, a higher authority may be called in to intervene, as per the Management Structure.

Standards of behaviour must remain the same whether the student is in the Primary or Secondary school or in the dormitories. Action taken may differ within these departments, but consistency of discipline must be maintained.

Positive behaviour is to be encouraged and rewarded as appropriate and praise given when merited. Awards may be given for:

- General helpfulness
- Tidiness
- Consistent obedience
- Caring for others

Unacceptable behaviour should be warned against in the first instance and then action taken as necessary, as soon as possible.

3. Unacceptable behaviour

- Inappropriate physical contact between members of the opposite sex is forbidden. Boys and girls are not allowed to meet in isolated or hidden areas. Such action will be dealt with immediately and severely.
- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, sexually explicit music, films etc are forbidden. Anyone found in possession of the same will be dealt with immediately and severely.
- Any punishment meted out must be overseen by the member of staff concerned, who must ensure it has been done to their satisfaction and record the event in a Behaviour File. After three entries in this File behaviour will be considered more serious and a warning will be issued regarding possible consequences if it continues.

3.1. Minor or one-off offences include:

- Eating or being in possession of tuck in the bedrooms
- Missing meals
- Disregarding the dress code (inappropriate dress or excess clothing etc)
- Isolated bullying
- Tardiness
- Not using the official language of English if there is a person in the immediate vicinity who does not understand it
- Being out of bounds
- Minor disruptive behaviour such as disturbing others with loud music
- Disobedience or talking back
- Lights on after 'lights out'
- Untidiness
- Being untruthful

Suggested appropriate punishments:

- Verbal warnings
- Extra dorm duties
- Early to bed
- Removal of privileges, eg missing videos

- Confiscation of offending items for a period of time
- Collecting firewood, picking up litter, weeding
- Restriction to certain areas for a specified length of time.

3.2. More serious behaviour includes:

- Persistent minor offences as listed above and failure to complete punishments
- Serious bullying
- Repeated insolence
- Threats and violence
- Violation of any ACS policy
- Stealing
- Lying
- Influencing others to wrong-doing
- Cheating

Suggested suitable punishments:

- Manual labour, such as extra work on the banana plantation, digging a vegetable garden
- Withdrawal of privileges and positions of authority (as for 6th Formers)
- Wearing of school uniform for a specified period of time, including week-ends
- Informing parents and warning about possible serious consequences
- Informing the Administration
- Suspension

3.3. Very serious behaviour:

- Persistent serious misbehaviour as under 'B'
- Sexual immorality of any kind
- Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs

Suggested Suitable punishments:

- Immediate suspension
- Expulsion

4. Suspension and expulsion is the prerogative of the School Administration. Suspension may be given at the recommendation of the dorm parents in consultation with the Administration. Expulsion will only be carried out if no other acceptable solution can be found. If expulsion is deemed necessary, the situation must be discussed by the Board of Governors before action is taken.