



PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

INDIA 2009

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Pilgrims are expected to read, understand and agree to abiding by the Code of Conduct.

The only discipline of real significance is that which the individual imposes on himself or herself. This Code aims to make each Pilgrim aware of the value of self control, orderliness and the need to cultivate a sense of responsibility for his or her own conduct and for the larger community of which we are a part. It is also important in terms of the safety of all in the group that you take into account the fact that you are representing your schools, communities and country and need to be good ambassadors.

Please note that school rules will be followed at all times and in addition the following also apply:

1. **The common sense rule**

The most important rule is that everyone should be thoughtful and considerate of others and use their common sense.

2. **Safety**

Sensible behaviour is expected at all times as India can be a hazardous place in which to travel. Sensible behaviour arises from an accurate reading of situations. It is action that lines up with what is a reasonable and appropriate response given the context of the situation or event that is occurring. Pilgrims are expected to be able to take responsibility for their own behaviour, to maintain a high level of self control and to refrain from taking unnecessary risks.

3. **Punctuality**

All Pilgrims are expected to be at the right place on time. It is each person's responsibility to report to the relevant Group Leader(s).

4. **Illness**

A Pilgrim who is sick or injured must report to the Pilgrimage Doctor (if possible) or to their Group Leader(s) or another member of staff.

5. **Smoking, drinking and drugs**

- a. The possession or consumption of alcohol by any Pilgrim is forbidden.
- b. Psychoactive drugs (depressants, stimulants and hallucinogens) are forbidden unless medically prescribed.
- c. The smoking of tobacco is not permitted.

6. Transportation

Pilgrims are only allowed to travel in vehicles arranged by staff or with the permission of their Group Leader. Nobody is permitted to travel in a rickshaw.

7. Bounds and inappropriate communication

No Pilgrim may leave the Pilgrimage group at any time without the permission of his or her Group Leader. During free time, Pilgrims may be permitted to shop, sightsee etc with the express permission of their Group Leader. However, students must travel in a group – a minimum of three students and one staff member. A group must sign out with staff on duty and destinations and return time must be given and adhered to. No Pilgrims will be allowed to go anywhere alone.

Students must be aware of the dangers of inappropriate communication with strangers whilst in transit or in hotels, whether personally, by telephone or text. Secret meetings or liaisons must not be undertaken under any circumstances.

8. Hotels and hostels

Whilst being accommodated in a hotel or hostel the highest standards of behaviour are expected.

- Be friendly towards staff and other guests
- Respect hotel/hostel property
- Keep rooms tidy
- Respect lights-out times

You may visit your friends in other rooms but you must return to your own room half an hour before lights out or immediately on the request of a member of staff. However, you must be aware that 'private space' is an essential aspect of the Pilgrimage and that those who do not want to have others in their room have every right to state that. Prior to entering someone else's room, please gain permission of all Pilgrims residing in that room.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CONTRACT

Pilgrim's Name: _____

Parent's name: _____

We have read the Pilgrimage Code of Conduct carefully and agree that the code should apply for the duration of the venture. We are both aware that any breach of good conduct which is, in the considered opinion of the Pilgrimage Coordinator and supervisory staff, too serious to allow the person concerned to continue with the Pilgrimage will result in the person being sent home immediately at the expense of the parent or guardian.

Pilgrim's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Pilgrimage Staff signature: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Headmaster's signature: _____ Date: _____

Your school staff will discuss the Code of Conduct with you prior to obtaining the necessary signatures.

Please refer to the POH India website to view the date this form needs to be completed by and then post forms in one bundle from each school. Completed forms must be sent to Brother James, Director - Pilgrimage of Hope, Christ Church Grammar School, PO Box 399, Claremont WA 6910. For any questions regarding this form, please email Brother James at brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au