Teaching is a profession in which practitioners have to make ethical decisions daily.

The development and maintenance of a code of ethics by the profession provides a means of clearly identifying and communicating the core values that underpin the professional standards for teaching.

**THE CORE VALUES OF OUR PROFESSION**

- Integrity
- Respect
- Justice
- Empathy
- Dignity

**THE PURPOSE OF OUR CODE OF ETHICS**

- Inspire the quality of behaviour that reflects the honour and dignity of the profession
- Identify the core values and ethical responsibilities of the profession
- Guide ethical decisions and actions of the teaching profession
- Promote public confidence in the profession

**OUR ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

As teachers, we have ethical responsibilities to ourselves, our students, parents and carers, colleagues and members of the wider community.

As teachers it is our ethical responsibility to:

- create learning experiences which engage, inspire, motivate, delight, affirm and challenge our learners
- understand our unique position of trust and influence by acting with professionalism and integrity
- be truthful, honest and trustworthy
- recognise our shared humanity by acting with care, compassion and empathy
- uphold the rights and responsibilities of self and others
- demonstrate dignity in relationships with others
- respect the uniqueness and diversity of our community
- develop by example the principles of social justice and equity.