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## Professional Ethics for Students, Teachers and Non-Teaching Staff

#### Introduction

This policy document outlines the Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for students, teachers, and non-teaching staff at Periyar Arts College, Cuddalore. The principles and guidelines set forth in this document aim to foster a respectful, responsible, and ethical academic environment, ensuring the holistic development of all stakeholders.

## 1. Code of Conduct for the Principal

### 1.1 Leadership and Management

- Provide visionary and effective leadership to the college, fostering a positive and inclusive academic environment.
- Ensure the implementation of college policies and adherence to regulatory guidelines.
- > Promote a culture of continuous improvement and excellence.

#### 1.2 Professional Integrity

- ➤ Demonstrate the highest standards of ethical behaviour, integrity, and transparency in all administrative functions.
- Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any that may arise.
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and college records.



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# 1.3 Responsibilities towards Students and Staff

- Ensure fair and impartial treatment of all students, teachers, and staff.
- Facilitate professional development opportunities for teachers and staff.
- Address grievances and issues promptly and effectively.

# 1.4 Institutional Development

- Work towards the growth and development of the college by encouraging innovation and supporting new initiatives.
- > Foster collaborations with academic, research, and industry partners.
- Ensure optimal utilization of college resources for the benefit of the college community.

### 1.5 Disciplinary Actions

The Principal is accountable to the college's governing body, and any breach of the code of conduct may result in actions as per institutional policies and regulatory guidelines.

#### 2. Code of Conduct for Teachers

#### 2.1 Professional Integrity

- Uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all professional interactions.
- Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any that may arise.
- Respect intellectual property and avoid plagiarism in research and publications.



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# 2.2 Teaching Responsibilities

- > Prepare thoroughly for classes and deliver high-quality instruction.
- > Encourage critical thinking and intellectual curiosity among students.
- Provide timely and constructive feedback on student assignments and assessments.

## 2.3 Behavioural Expectations

- Treat all students fairly and impartially, without discrimination.
- > Maintain confidentiality of student records and personal information.
- Engage in continuous professional development and stay updated with advancements in their field.

# 2.4 Disciplinary Actions

Teachers who violate the code of conduct may face disciplinary measures, as per institutional policies and regulatory guidelines, based on the nature of the misconduct.

#### 3. Code of Conduct for Students

# 3.1 General Conduct

- Students must respect the rights and dignity of fellow students, teachers, and staff.
- Abide by all rules and regulations of the college, including those related to attendance, punctuality, and submission of assignments.
- Maintain academic integrity by avoiding cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty.



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## 3.2 Academic Responsibilities

- Attend all classes, practical sessions and seminars regularly and punctually.
- Participate actively in learning activities and strive for excellence.
- Use college resources, including the library and laboratory facilities, responsibly.

## 3.3 Behavioural Expectations

- Exhibit courteous behaviour and refrain from any form of harassment or discrimination.
- > Dress appropriately and maintain personal hygiene.
- Respect the college property and maintain cleanliness on campus.

# 3.4 Disciplinary Actions

Violations of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspension, or expulsion, depending on the severity of the offence.

# 4. Code of Conduct for Non-Teaching Staff

# 4.1 Professional Responsibilities

- Perform duties diligently and efficiently, contributing to the smooth functioning of the college.
- Adhere to the policies and procedures of the college.
- Maintain accurate and complete records as required by their roles.



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# 4.2 Behavioural Expectations

- > Treat students, teachers, and colleagues with respect and courtesy.
- > Maintain confidentiality of college records and sensitive information.
- Refrain from any activities that could bring disrepute to the college.

# 4.3 Use of College Resources

- Use college resources, including equipment and materials, responsibly and for official purposes only.
- Report any misuse or damage to college property promptly.

# 4.4 Disciplinary Actions

Non-teaching staff found violating the code of conduct may be subject to disciplinary actions, as per institutional policies and regulatory guidelines, depending on the infraction.

### 5. Implementation and Review

- ➤ The Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics policy will be reviewed annually by a committee appointed by the college administration.
- Regular workshops and seminars will be conducted to educate all stakeholders about the policy.
- ➤ Feedback from students, teachers, and staff will be incorporated to ensure the policy remains relevant and effective.

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