

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

### General statements

All students at the College are selected on the basis of their potential to live up to the idealism of the UWC mission and values. Students should consider it their responsibility to make the most of the opportunity they have been given. By accepting this place, the student has agreed to participate fully in all aspects of the College programme and its residential community. Selected students must be committed to tackling the challenges presented by the opportunity to live and study in Canada and understand that Pearson College UWC is far more than an academic stepping-stone to university.

The UWC movement values and celebrates diversity, which lies at the heart of the Pearson College UWC residential experience. However, using diversity to justify behaviours that are disrespectful of others, or as an excuse not to follow College rules, is not acceptable.

There is the UWC Code of Conduct, Essential Agreement, Respectful Community Policy, the Standard Terms and Conditions, the Student Handbook as well as the Student Code of Conduct herein. All go hand in hand and students are expected to comply with their respective guidelines.

### Section 1: Care and good discipline

**1.1 Conduct and attendance.** The College attaches importance to courtesy, integrity, manners and good discipline. The student will endeavour to take part in the activities of the College, to attend each school day (unless prevented by illness or injury), to be punctual, work hard, behave properly, to comply with the College's Code of Conduct, rules, guides and guidelines, and to support its ethos and values.

Please note that any medical-related absence must be authorised in writing by the College Health Center, and that students may not unilaterally excuse themselves from school on medical (or any other) grounds.

**1.2 Participation in activities.** Students are expected to participate fully and readily in physical and outdoor education, activities, social and personal care and service as part of the College's learning programme.

**1.3 The student's health.** It is the responsibility of the parents and legal guardians of students and of the student to declare all significant medical, behavioural, psychological and emotional problems which might affect the student's health and/or ability to learn. The parents, legal guardians and the student must inform the Dean of Students in writing

if the student develops any known medical condition, health problem or allergy or will be unable to participate in any part of the College's learning programme.

**1.4 Absence from campus.** Students are expected to reside on campus during term time.

1.4.1 Students who plan to be away from the College overnight must gain permission from their parents, the House Parents and Dean of Students. Students should limit the number of overnights requested.

1.4.2 Absence from the College cannot be justified on the basis of travel convenience or cost. This is particularly relevant when arranging travel for arrival and departure at the start and end of term.

**1.5 Conspicuous displays of wealth.** Conspicuous displays of wealth are not in keeping with the courtesy, integrity, manners, and good discipline that all students are expected to follow

**1.6 Information and technology.** All students and parents are required to sign that they have read the Digital Citizenship Agreement. Any contravention of this agreement will result in the loss of access to information technology resources.

## Section 2: Health and Wellbeing

2.1 Students who accept a position at Pearson College UWC commit to the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle, one that avoids potential harm to self and to others. The following are not tolerated:

2.1.1 **Illicit drugs.** The use of drugs, other than those medically prescribed, or obtained over the counter from a pharmacy for therapeutic purposes, is strictly forbidden. Any student who disregards this rule may be required to leave the College immediately.

2.1.2 **Tobacco and Nicotine.** Smoking and/or vaping are not permitted at Pearson College UWC. Students who are smokers or vapers upon their nomination to the College must commit to quitting as a condition of accepting the scholarship and cannot smoke or vape while enrolled at the College.

2.1.3 **Alcohol and Cannabis.** While a student at Pearson College UWC, you are not permitted to consume, purchase or distribute any form of alcohol or cannabis on or off campus. Any student who disregards this rule may be required to leave the College immediately.

2.1.4 **Sexual activity.** Sexual activity between students in students' rooms, is strictly prohibited. Any student who disregards this rule may be required to leave the College immediately.

2.1.5 **Violence, harassment, theft and anti-social behaviour.** Students who use physical force towards others, who become involved in theft or other anti-social behaviour, or who act willfully in a way that endangers the health and safety of another, may be required to leave the College and sent home. Behaviour that threatens, ridicules or humiliates another person, in whatever form (for example in person, or online) will not be tolerated.

2.2 **Quiet time.** After 10:30 pm, the entire campus should be quiet enough to allow all students and residents to sleep.

2.2.1 Only students assigned to a room may be in that room from 10:30 pm until 8:00 am. From midnight to 8:00 am, only students assigned to a house may be in that house. Students who violate these requirements could have their parents, guardians and national committee notified. Such disturbances can include: spending a night in a student's room other than your own or engaging in sexual activity in a room at any time of day. Serious and/or repeated offenses may result in suspension or dismissal from the College.

2.2.2 Headphones must always be used after quiet time for listening to music and are encouraged at other times when others are in immediate proximity.

2.2.3 Students must be back in their boarding house by their specified curfew times both during the week and the weekend. Curfew extensions are only possible when prior approval of the boarding staff has been obtained.

2.3 **Meals.** Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily in the College canteen during term times. Both from a nutritional and a social point of view, all boarding students are expected to attend meals (except if they are ill, involved in another College commitment, on an approved absence from College, or have a Houseparent's permission not to attend).

### Section 3: Learning through Academics

3.1 **Academic expectations.** Students are expected to make their best effort, so that according to their own abilities and aptitudes, they can make the most of their academic potential at Pearson College UWC.

3.1.1 If a student persists in falling below our minimum academic requirements and expectations, such student may be asked to leave the College. Indicators that a student may be required to leave would include unsatisfactory performance in academic subjects

due to a lack of effort, and the non-completion of IB requirements, such as the Extended Essay, coursework and CAS commitments.

**3.2 Academic honesty.** Students are expected to maintain academic honesty at all times, including for homework, coursework, and IB Diploma examinations. The College recognises the importance of intellectual property. As such, it is a serious offence to do any of the following (below); each of these malpractices will result in a disciplinary outcome, and may also result in the student being asked to leave the College, or if discovered subsequently by the IB markers, lead to the possible loss of their IB Diploma.

**3.2.1 Cheating.** Being dishonest in order to mislead another person, including copying answers from another student in a test, taking unauthorised material into an examination room or misconduct during an examination.

**3.2.2 Collusion.** Working together with another person, or persons, on a task that is submitted as all your own work.

**3.2.3 Plagiarism.** Claiming that concepts and ideas, as well as text, diagrams or pictures are your own work, or not crediting the source where you found them.

#### Section 4: General Conditions

**4.1 Review of scholarship and place at the College.** All students are expected to live to the mission and values of Pearson College UWC. There will be reviews of engagement across all elements of our learning programme, and lack of engagement in all or some may lead to a discontinuation of the scholarship or place at the College.

**4.2 Cancellation of scholarship and place.** The College has a right to cancel a scholarship and/or a place at the College immediately at any time if a student does not live up to the values, expectations and conduct of the UWC movement as a whole, and of Pearson College UWC itself. Pearson College UWC reserves the right to impose a repayment of scholarship monies disbursed.

**4.3 Withholding information.** If it subsequently becomes apparent after admission that any information regarding learning needs, health, background or financial means has been withheld or falsified, it will lead to the immediate discontinuation of the scholarship and place at the College and the immediate removal of the student from the College.

**4.4 Liability and insurance.** The College shall not be held liable for accidental injury or loss of property.

**4.5 Rights and remedies.** No delay or forbearance by the College to enforce any of its rights and remedies for breach by a student of any of these terms and conditions shall in

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any way affect or prejudice the College's rights or remedies in respect of such breach, nor will the College's rights and remedies in respect of any subsequent breach of these terms and conditions by a student be affected or prejudiced.

**4.6 Variation of terms and conditions.** The College may at its discretion vary these terms and conditions, or amend or issue additional guidelines with respect to the scholarship and place at the College, from time to time with notice. All such guidelines shall be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of the place.

Where a student continues to accept the monies disbursed under the scholarship after such notification, they shall be deemed to have accepted such variation, amendment or issuance.

**4.7 Prevailing terms and conditions.** In the event of an inconsistency between the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Student Code of Conduct, the provisions of Student Code of Conduct will prevail.

**4.9 Governing law.** These standard terms and conditions shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the British Columbia.

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAMME

As the recipient of this place at Pearson College UWC, I will be my country's ambassador to Pearson College UWC. I am aware that this opportunity comes with significant responsibilities. As a student, it is my objective to contribute to the College community in constructive and responsible ways and as a future graduate, to maintain an active interest in both Pearson College UWC and the UWC movement.

I am aware that Pearson College UWC is committed to expanding the provision of scholarship opportunities for young people around the world and acknowledge that I have an active and positive role to play in the development of this programme.

In taking up my place at Pearson College UWC, I understand and agree to:

1. commit to the full two-year program;
2. write to scholarship provider(s) outlining my personal and academic goals and progress in relation to the UWC mission and movement;
3. demonstrate through my actions, my support of the mission, principles, goals and objectives of Pearson College UWC and the UWC movement;
4. comply with all College and residential rules and codes of conduct;

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5. exert my best effort in my studies (at Pearson College UWC, effort does not refer to attainment of grades achieved, but to working to the best of my ability and actively engaging in the full Pearson College experience); and
6. contribute to the cultural diversity that is Pearson College UWC.

I understand that my place at Pearson College UWC represents the beginning of a lifelong commitment to the UWC movement and all that it stands for. So that future young people have the unique experience of a UWC education, I will seek ways of involving myself with the movement beyond school and university life. This may take the form of assisting my National Committee, promoting the UWC movement and Pearson College UWC, and, if I am able to do so in the future, making a financial contribution to scholarship funding.

I have read and fully understand my commitment to my place at Pearson College UWC and will do all that I can to honour this commitment, in spirit and in action at all times. Specifically, I agree to abide by the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Student Code of Conduct.

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Student's Signature

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Student's Full Name

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Date

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