

# **CODES & EXPECTATIONS**

#### **Honour Code**

Students and parents undertake to be familiar with and to respect these Codes based on our way of life.

## Le Rosey's motto is Actis Virtus

Dreams, promises and commitments are meaningless unless translated into action, which, alone, can show what one aspires to.

#### Know better so as to understand better and hence to love

Many cultures, languages, sexual orientations and religions are represented at Le Rosey; the enrichment that comes from knowing them demands an open mind, curiosity and a respect for differences.

## **Rights of Students**

- 1. Respect for their physical integrity
- 2. Respect for their religious, philosophical and political convictions as well as their sexual orientation in so far as these are compatible with our policy of community spirit.
- 3. Respect for their private life (personal belongings, health, mail, luggage) within the limits of school discipline. Teachers will not enter a student's room before signaling their intention to do so.
- 4. Direct access, as rapidly as possible given the circumstances, to their directors and teachers.
- 5. Professional secrecy from their directors and teachers for any conversation held in confidence except in cases linked to their personal safety and/or that of their peers. This also applies to written work of an intimate nature.
- 6. Students have the right to meet with their tutor or any adult of their choice as soon as possible to express any uneasiness or sense of injustice they feel they have suffered.

# **Responsibilities of Students**

- 1. Students respect the rules that constitute the Codes, both on and off the campus.
- 2. Students develop their knowledge and skills as a priority. They actively participate in all activities.
- 3. Students respect the person and the cultural, religious, political convictions and sexual orientation of their teachers and fellow pupils. They do not accept any action or propaganda contrary to the principle of respect for their fellows.
- 4. Students are under the obligation not to waste their time and the financial resources of their parents by adopting a lazy and passive attitude.

#### **Major Rules**

- 1. Alcohol, drugs (including CBD and THC), cigarettes (including e-cigarettes and vaping), as well as energy drinks, are strictly forbidden; drug, alcohol and nicotine tests may be carried out at any time.
- 2. Any physical or verbal violence, such as bullying or serious disrespect towards a peer or adult capable of causing mental or physical injury either at school or elsewhere is forbidden.
- 3. Theft is a serious offence, particularly in a community where confidence must reign. Money or valuables must be kept in individual safes or left to the person in charge of the building. Le Rosey Camps cannot be held responsible for articles which have not been locked in the safe or left to the person in charge of the building. The borrowing of money or clothes is not allowed.
- 4. Boys and girls live in separate buildings and/or on separate floors. Under no circumstances are boys allowed to visit girls' floors or their rooms and vice versa.
- 5. Owning or using a vehicle (car, motorbike, electric scooter, bicycle, etc.) is not allowed. Hitch-hiking is forbidden.
- 6. Students are not allowed to leave the campus without the express consent of a person in charge.
- 7. Leaving a building without authorisation between coucher (lights out) and lever (wake up) is forbidden.
- 8. Instructions and safety rules given by teachers, monitors and boarding house staff must be respected at all times, both on and off campus.
- 9. The following will not be tolerated: accumulation of punishments with no positive effect on behaviour; continual indiscipline; lack of respect for the buildings and property of the school.
- 10. Clothing worn on campus should be casual, non-revealing and appropriate for the activity: classes, sports, visits. Please note that clothes with highly visible luxury branding are not allowed. There is no uniform during the summer camp. Beards, moustaches and body piercings are not allowed.
- 11. If pupils bring or buy excessive snacks, these may be kept safe by camp staff and given to students in sensible amounts.
- 12. Boat rides are only allowed under supervision.
- 13. The swimming pools, fitness room, archery centres, kitchens and sailing centre are only to be used in the presence of a teacher. Otherwise, these facilities are closed.
- 14. Classes and activities are compulsory, except in case of illness. Only the nurse is able to excuse the students from their classes or sporting activities.

Children must abide by these principles and rules. If the child's behaviour disrupts the camp, the Director may take the decision to send him/her home. An unsatisfactory discipline record from a previous camp may result in non-acceptance for a future camp.

#### **Expectations from Parents**

- It can be very useful to read the Codes and discuss them with your children. Our values and disciplinary principles will be better understood and respected if they have been approved and adopted by parents. Respect for the Codes is essential for community life and safety.
- We know how difficult it is for parents to accept the concept of "One Rule for All". It is nevertheless
  essential for balance in community life and for creating a sense of equal treatment. Every "special
  request", such as an exemption from an activity, an exception to a major rule, an early departure,
  appears innocuous: yet multiplied many times over by dozens of families, it makes community life
  impossible to manage.
- Instantaneous communication between parents scattered across the world and their children in Switzerland represents enormous progress, allowing close family ties and a greater sense of security. There are, however, other, less manageable consequences: students can become less independent, they can take longer to settle in, a barrier between school and student can appear, and rapid emotional reactions can be encouraged.