

CODE OF ETHICS

FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY TEACHERS

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.