



COMMUNITY LIVING IN CHRIST

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.”

(Matthew 22:37-39)

It is our desire and prayer to help students and staff alike to love God and our neighbours as Jesus commanded us to. We are from different cultures and backgrounds and that can be exciting and mutually beneficial. In humility we should value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but to the interests of others (**Philippians 2:4**). We must also remember we are not called to get our standards from the world; we are called to live a life that is “set apart” (**Leviticus 18:2-4**), to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (**Philippians 1:27**), to be in the world but not of the world (**John 17:15-16, Romans 12:2**).

Schladming is a small, traditional Alpine village of 4,500 inhabitants. Your behaviour **will** be noticed and talked about by locals. More than that, we “live in His sight” (**Ephesians 1:4**). That is an enormous privilege and responsibility. This is what *Community Living in Christ* looks like and why....

PARTICIPATION: *“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.”* (**Hebrews 13:17**)

You must be on time and take part in all lectures, duties, outreaches, family group evenings etc. (“**Scheduled Activities**”), unless exceptional permission has been given by the Principal or Houseparents. You are to attend all meals, although you may sign out for evening meals, provided you do so the day before. In order to complete Bible School, you must stay for the entirety of the course. No overnight stays are allowed unless the Principal has given you exceptional permission.

CONDUCT: *“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ... It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery... Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.”* (**Philippians 1:27; Galatians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19**)

We require you to not drink any alcoholic beverages or use tobacco for the duration of Bible School.

APPEARANCE: *“...wear decent and appropriate clothing... Make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.”* (**1 Timothy 2:9b-10; Romans 14:13**)

Dress appropriately for scheduled activities. For cultural reasons, be mindful of wearing head coverings. We encourage you to rather not wear any during meals and lectures. Do not go shirtless or barefoot. Casual attire is allowed for Worship and Sunday Services as long as it is clean and smart (i.e.: no torn jeans or sweat pants). Drastic hairstyle changes, body piercing (with the exception of standard ear piercing for ladies) and/or tattoos may not be undertaken during Bible School.

All students are to dress “decently and appropriately” in consideration of the opposite sex. E.g. that means no spaghetti straps and not exposing bra straps or the midriff.

RELATIONSHIPS: *“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters... It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.”* (**Hebrews 13:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**)

Romantic attachments that begin at Bible School can be disruptive, divisive and embarrassing and tend to isolate those involved. Students are accepted to attend Bible School to develop a deeper relationship with God. Romantic attachments and physical expressions of affection or other interest (including massages) are therefore not permitted during your time at Bible School. While we wholeheartedly encourage healthy friendships, our definition of a romantic attachment is when a couple separates themselves from the Bible School community and/or is involved in recurring physical contact. As soon as a student recognizes they may struggle (or is informed that they are struggling) to adhere to this requirement, they must speak to the Principal or Houseparents at the earliest opportunity.

MEDIA: “...*Make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil...Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*” (**Ephesians 5:16; Philippians 4:8**)

Movie viewing is only permitted: in the Lecture Hall or Rec. Room; on Friday and Saturday evenings; **and** if it has first been approved by a Resident Assistant (“**RA**”). In the interests of full participation, media devices will be removed when misused. Do not use your phone during meals. Music may be listened to during free time but since we all have different music tastes, only with headphones. An exception is that music may be played without headphones for workouts, provided the sound level and music choice is considerate to others.

ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES: “*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*” (**Colossians 3:23-24**)

You are to fulfil certain assignments and duties within the required timeframes and in accordance with the instructions given to the best of your ability.

OUT OF BOUNDS: “*Love your neighbour as yourself.*” (**Matthew 22:39**)

- Roofs and neighbouring property (e.g. Planai Parking Garage);
- Bedrooms and bathrooms of the opposite sex;
- The Office (except during the open hours from 1pm to 3pm);
- The Kitchen (unless it's your duty);
- The Staff Lounge (unless your outreach or family group are meeting there);
- The Climbing Tower (unless authorized by a staff member qualified to do so and you have registered at the Reception beforehand).

Do not play ball or other games outside the Reception and please be quiet when you are near neighbouring property, **especially after 9pm.**

ROOM TIME:

Buildings are locked at 10:45pm (11:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays). You are required to be in your room by the scheduled lock-up time and to keep quiet so that everyone is able to get sufficient rest. There is a wake up time of 7:30am during the week.

FINALLY: “*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*” (**1 Corinthians 10:13**)

I have read and understood ‘*Community Living in Christ*’ and I am committed to live and to help others to live accordingly, in Christ’s strength.