Community Values and Code of Conduct

Trinity College is a Christian college. We seek to follow Jesus Christ within our community and in our individual lives, sharing his love with each other and with others. We are committed to growing as Christians ourselves, to helping each other to grow, and to bringing the good news of Jesus to the world.

We seek to "live like the Kingdom is near" and to uphold, and live out as far as possible the **College Values** (inspired by the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5.1-10), with God's help. Within each **value** are some areas of **conduct** *in italics* that we seek to live out in practice:

HUMILITY: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Believing that the grace of God comes to each as it comes to all, and that Christ showed us to consider others better than ourselves, we will constantly endeavour to shape and learn from each other.

- *Within Trinity we seek to behave courteously and considerately towards students, staff and visitors, caring for the feelings and welfare of others.*
- *We will attend required lectures, seminars, meetings and interviews, obtaining appropriate permission for necessary absences and for late submission of work.*
- *We will be honest in all academic work, avoiding all forms of cheating and plagiarism.*
- *We will respect copyright laws, notably in all photocopying and use of internet material.*
- *We will respect the academic judgement of faculty in marking and evaluating work.*
- *When evaluating the work of others, we will seek to do so fairly, helpfully and in reasonable time.*

WHOLENESS: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

Graciously and honestly confronting our sufferings together, we will seek the healing and comfort of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, and extend the invitation of wholeness in Christ to others.

- *The Community values are a commitment that we make to each other in recognition that we will not always succeed in living up to them. In cases of particular struggle, we will look for help and accountability from colleagues, from college tutors, and appropriate others outside of college.*

SERVICE: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth

We will encourage one another towards servant-hearted living, learning and leading, striving for all our interactions to be gentle and kind.

- *We seek to be good members of the local communities and church fellowships of which we are a part, respecting the law and considering the feelings of others.*
- *We will respect the rules of the college and of the common room, and will fulfil the community duties allocated to us.*
- *College buildings and property will be treated properly and with respect. Care will be taken not to damage college housing and rooms (and where damage has occurred this will be promptly reported to the college); property, including external accommodation owned or managed by the college, will be left in good order after use. Authorized college staff will be allowed access to property to inspect, clean and repair, when due notice has been given.*
- *Care will be taken of library and other college books. Books will not be stolen, defaced, damaged or taken from the library without being signed out. We will observe the rules about not eating and drinking while in the library.*
- *Common room and common room facilities and property (including newspapers and crockery) will be respected, cared for and left clean after use.*

HOLINESS: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled

We will wholeheartedly pursue holiness through gracious renewal in Jesus' righteousness each day, seeking a Christ-like character, and a biblical way of living to be evident in all we do.

- *We will give appropriate care and time to families, spouses, and others close to us.*
- *In sexual matters, we will be faithful to our spouses (for those who are married) and will respect the historic Christian view of marriage as the context for sexual intercourse.*
- *In the use of the internet, neither viewing nor downloading pornographic materials.*
- *In the use of alcohol, avoiding drunkenness and showing sensitivity to those with concerns about or problems with the use of alcohol.*
- *In the use of drugs, avoiding the use of any illegal drugs.*
- *In avoiding offensive and vulgar language, behaviour and dress.*

JUSTICE: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

We will always make sure that people who are vulnerable or oppressed are protected, valued and given a voice, abundantly expressing the compassion of God.

- *We will be sensitive to the material needs of less affluent members of our college community, as well as practically concerned for the poor of the world.*
- *We will seek to use our money and possessions honestly, generously and responsibly, not incurring unnecessary debt, paying our bills on time, sharing with others, and giving regularly to Christian and charitable causes.*

- *As part of our responsibility as stewards of God's creation we will seek to avoid wastage, e.g. turning off lights and computers when not in use, recycling where possible, being economical in our use of cars and private transport.*

WORSHIP: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

We will aim to learn and worship together in a way that relies upon the Holy Spirit working through every activity, reminding us that everything we do is ultimately about better knowing, loving and serving God.

- *We will be faithful in meeting together for prayer and worship.*

DIVERSITY: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Confessing Christ as the Prince of Peace for all the world, and knowing that all followers of Jesus are united by our identity in him, we will seek to love one another in our life together, and stay focused on the mission he has given us.

- *We will not harass others, including on grounds of race, gender or sexual orientation.*
- *We will respect the right of those in our community to express their opinions, but we will seek to be sensitive to the views and feelings of others.*

COURAGE: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom

With our hope and faith in Christ alone, we will share the good news of the Kingdom, living out its values in every area of our lives, and acknowledging our own weakness and need for the help of the Holy Spirit.

- *We will take care not to publish or provide material to the media or the internet that will be gratuitously damaging or hurtful to the college or to other members of the college community, seeking first to resolve our issues with each other and within the college community.*
- *In situations of difficulty or struggle in these areas we will seek help and to be accountable. We will seek to help others who are struggling in these and other areas.*