A Code of Student Conduct is proposed.

The University is committed to providing a safe environment for all students, staff and other members of its community based on the ethical values of mutual respect, honesty, trust, responsibility, tolerance and empathy.

A Code of Student Conduct has been drafted to give clear guidance to students and prospective students on the standards of conduct expected by the University and to refer students, staff and other members of the University community to the procedures for making, investigating and resolving complaints of misconduct.

The draft Code is set out in the Appendix to this document.

The University Council endorsed the development of the draft Code at its meeting on 27 June 2017. Consultation on an initial draft was undertaken with the Waikato Students’ Union Reo Tauira Student Voice group at a meeting on 26 July 2017. Feedback at that meeting indicated strong support by students for a document of this nature.

Comment on the attached draft Code is invited to the University’s Policy and Governance Manager, Tracy Pilet, at policy@waikato.ac.nz by Friday 6 October 2017.

Consultation will also be undertaken with relevant University committees (Faculty Boards, Education Committee, Research Committee, Academic Board) during September and October 2017 with a view to presenting a final Code to the Vice-Chancellor for approval by the end of the year.

If/when approved, the Code will be published on the University’s website, referred to in a wide range of student publications and materials and compliance with it will be required as part of the enrolment agreement between the University and its students.

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Responsibility for policy: Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Approving authority: Vice-Chancellor
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Application
1. This code applies to all students of the University of Waikato.

Purpose
2. The purpose of this code is to:
   a. give guidance to all students of the University of Waikato on the standards of conduct required by the University
   b. refer students, staff and other members of the University community to the procedures for making, investigating and resolving complaints of student misconduct.

Related documents
3. The following documents set out further information relevant to this code:
   - Academic Integrity Statement [to be linked]
   - Human Rights Act 1993
   - Staff Code of Conduct
   - Student Discipline Regulations

Definition
4. In this code:
   student means a person enrolled in a personal programme of study at the University of Waikato.

Principles
5. The University of Waikato is committed to providing a safe environment for all students, staff and other members of the University community regardless of location or medium (whether on campus, off campus, online or via other electronic media) based on the ethical values of mutual respect, honesty, trust, responsibility, tolerance and empathy.
6. The University does not tolerate bullying, harassment (including sexual harassment) or discrimination and or behaviours that may be perceived by others as bullying, harassment or discrimination (as defined in the Student Discipline Regulations).
7. The University does not tolerate physically aggressive behaviour, violence (including sexual violence), intimidation, coercion or threatening behaviour.
8. Students are expected to act honestly, conscientiously, reasonably and in good faith at all times having regard to:
   a. their own welfare and wellbeing, and the welfare and wellbeing of other students, staff and other members of the University community
   b. the values of academic integrity [to be linked], and
   c. the reputation of the University of Waikato.

Standards of conduct
9. Students must:
   a. comply with all relevant New Zealand and international laws and with all University of Waikato statutes, codes, regulations, policies and lawful and reasonable instructions. (The University reserves the right to amend its statutes, codes, regulations and policies from time to time.)
   b. treat other students, staff and other members of the University community with respect at all times and always behave in a courteous manner
c. respect the property of others and not wilfully deface, damage or misuse any property of the University or of any member of the University community

d. act with honesty and integrity in their dealings with and on behalf of the University

e. ensure that all information they disclose to the University is accurate, correct and complete

f. act ethically in the preparation, conduct and submission of academic work, including all forms of assessment

g. take care and responsibility to uphold the reputation of the University and not engage in activities which could or would unfairly bring the University into disrepute

h. follow University health and safety procedures and comply with relevant and reasonable directives designed to ensure that their action or inaction does not cause harm to themselves or any other person.

**Student Discipline**

10. The University’s procedures for making, investigating and resolving complaints of student misconduct are set out in the [Student Discipline Regulations](#).