

UNITING CHURCH IN THE CITY TRINITY SCHOOL FOR SENIORS STUDENT CHARTER



BACKGROUND

The Trinity School for Seniors (TSFS) is a mission outreach of the Uniting Church in the City (UCIC), committed to helping older adults to participate in lifelong learning and to foster and enhance friendship and companionship on this journey.

The Trinity School for Seniors functions as an inclusive community facility, to provide education and a mutual support network which meets the physical, emotional, social, intellectual, pastoral and spiritual needs of Seniors in the wider Perth community.

The Uniting Church in the City's vision states:

“On the way with Jesus, to touch and transform the people of Perth, to journey with the wider church, and to engage with our neighbours in the world.”

The objects of the Trinity School for Seniors are to provide:

Companionship: by conducting activities for students which enhance friendships and the sharing of mutual interests;

Learning: through structured learning programmes for students which increase their skills and knowledge and their capacity to contribute meaningfully to community life;

Well-Being: through the conduct of activities and structured learning programmes for students which assist them to remain physically and mentally healthy.

The Trinity School for Seniors School was started in 1979 at Trinity Church and celebrates its 45th anniversary in 2024. TSFS currently provides in excess of 80 courses for around 400+ students, over five days during a term, and over four terms per year.

PURPOSE

The Student Charter reflects these inter-related visions and is an expression of values and intent. The purpose of the Student Charter is for students of TSFS to understand what it means to be a student at TSFS, and includes the expectations students and staff at TSFS have of each other and the schools role and how it fits into the operation of the UCIC.

EXPECTATIONS

Students can expect the right to:

- Be treated fairly and ethically, with respect, dignity and tolerance;
- Have access to information about TSFS regulations, policies and procedures;
- To learn in a supportive and encouraging environment;
- Have their opinion represented through the Student Voice Committee on all matters affecting students;
- Have opportunities to contribute to the organisational, social and cultural life of TSFS through the Student Voice Committee, together with opportunities to provide feedback for the improvement of TSFS;

- Representation on the TSFS Committee of Management through the due process for election to that body;
- A safe and healthy environment;
- To have any records concerning them dealt with in ways that are secure, with access restricted to designated persons of TSFS;
- To be given a copy of this charter when first enrolled;

Students have the responsibility to:

- Recognise the rights of others, including the rights of other students covered by this Charter, as well as the rights of staff, tutors and visitors;
- Uphold the reputation of the TSFS while engaged in TSFS activities;
- Respect the UCIC / TSFS property and the property of others;
- Not purport to speak or act on behalf of the TSFS, unless explicitly authorised to do so.

TSFS expects students to:

- Behave in a manner that demonstrates respect, dignity and tolerance towards staff of TSFS, tutors and fellow students;
- Adhere to TSFS rules, regulations, policies and procedures;
- Actively and positively participate in teaching and learning;
- Contribute to the organisational, social and cultural life of the TSFS;
- Regularly attend courses for which they have enrolled.

RIGHTS IN RELATION TO GRIEVANCES

Every student has the right to:

- Be able to register a complaint or grievance against any learning procedure, administrative procedure, perceived discrimination or harassment or the abolition or suspension of any right set out in the Student Charter;
- A clearly documented process for dealing with a grievance which is confidential, non-discriminatory, unbiased and accountable; offers the opportunity to be accompanied to meetings by a person of their choice; and leads to a resolution within a reasonable timeframe; and,
- To receive reasons for resulting decisions, and to experience no repercussions as a result of participation in the process.

Further details on the UCIC Policies and Procedures for Grievance for TSFS are available from UCIC, (s:administration/Policy & Proc/2 Human Resources 2.2b)