

Hockey and Grammar Values

The Auckland Grammar School values are central to the Hockey Programme here at Grammar. It is important that players, parents/ guardians/ caregivers are aware that all players must align with the Grammar values inside and outside of the classroom, and both on and off the field.

The Grammar values are *integrity, excellence, respect, courage, pride, commitment and humility*. Through the teaching and practise of said values, we hope that students will develop valuable qualities that they can use once they leave Grammar, including self-discipline, resourcefulness, adaptability, creativity, honesty, courtesy, self-reliance, pride in personal appearance and public spirit. The aim is to use these virtues for the good of the School and the community.

Linking Hockey to the Grammar values:

Integrity- the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. It is our hope that all boys express strong moral principles both on and off the field, such as no cheating, treating the referee with respect, no sledging, etc.

Excellence- the quality of being outstanding or extremely good. All boys should aim to be at their best in games and at training. However, it does not simply mean being the best team/ individual or getting the best results- all boys are expected to give 100% on the field and off the field.

Respect- due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others. Hockey players at Grammar must show respect to the opposition, coaches, managers, officials and supporters etc. involved with any hockey at all times.

Courage- the ability to do something that frightens one; bravery. For example, playing through fatigue, being honest with referees, doing the right thing when times are tough, accepting the decisions of coaches/ referees.

Pride- be especially proud of (a particular quality or skill). It is essential that all boys show pride in the school, their team, other school teams, team members, coaches and do their best to support everyone involved in the hockey programme at Grammar. This includes wearing the correct uniform and wearing it properly.

Commitment- the quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc. Hockey players must give their all to whatever team they are involved in, such as showing up to practice on time, or communicating with coaches when unavailable.

Humility- the quality of being humble. All boys must play and train with humility, for example, being modest when you win, accepting when you lose and respecting the opposition no matter the outcome.

Once again, each player should understand that they have a responsibility to uphold the Grammar values at all times. Each player needs to uphold these values on the field, off the field and both inside and outside of the classroom. This will be considered when looking at selections, team positions, leadership opportunities, etc. so it is vitally important.