

# Policy on Violence

Respect is a core value of the Campion College ethos. This value is to be practically lived out in our interactions with all of members of the school community and extended to our relationships in the wider society. It has its foundation in our Christian belief that each human person is “made in the image and likeness of God” and as such possesses an inviolable dignity. It is this dignity that commands our respectful treatment of each other in all our attitudes, words and actions. Campion College sees disrespect as the root of all violence, and therefore regards all forms of aggression as incompatible with the spirit and mission of this institution.

## **Violence in Language**

Violent actions often start with violent language. All members of the school community should refrain from demeaning, abusive, threatening, and indecent forms of address or language in their dealings with one another. Verbal or written threats, racial/ethno-cultural, religious harassment in any form is unacceptable and will be met with disciplinary action.

## **Fighting and Physical Violence**

Campion College will not tolerate any form of physical violence among students. Fighting will result in immediate suspension for ALL involved. Students are encouraged to ‘walk-away’ from aggressive behaviour and provocation, as they have recourse to their adult supervisors. A choice to become involved in a fight is a choice to face possible expulsion from school. Tempers MUST be controlled.

## **Possession and/or Use of Weapons**

Campion College strictly prohibits the possession of any weapon on its property. Weapons include guns or replicas, knives and other cutting implements. Any use of an object (stone, stick, bat, bottle etc.) as a weapon to inflict injury will be punishable by immediate suspension and possible expulsion.

**It should be clearly noted that the possession of a weapon or replica, or the use of any dangerous weapon is a criminal offense in Jamaica and the police may be notified in such cases.**

## **Police Reports**

Any incident on the school grounds involving injury to a member of the school community must be reported immediately to a member of the school’s administration. The Principal, as the accounting officer for the school is responsible for deciding whether a formal report to the police is necessary.