



Dear Families and Students,

In advance of the start of the year, principals at each of the seven secondary schools in Delta are writing to families to reiterate the importance of students acting responsibly and respectfully while out and about in the community. The Seaquam community is one built on trust, respectful behaviour and comradery amongst staff and students. I would like to encourage students to always act responsibly – add positively to the school community. We would appreciate all parents/guardians having a conversation with their child(ren) regarding the need to respect our community and school property.

In recent years, there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour from some youth, in particular Grad classes, before the start of the school year. This type of behaviour varies widely from school to school. At Seaquam, previous Grads have felt that it was important to dig the Grad class year, ie. 2024, into the hill behind Seaquam. We have heard rumours that there is a plan for this happen again and that some Grads might also light the numbers on fire. I can't express how worrisome this is not only to the school's property but to the forest surrounding the school, surrounding neighbourhood and the participants that are involved in or watching it happen, particularly in light of the devastating wildfires happening in our province currently. This kind of activity can have long lasting negative effects to the area but also to the reputation of the Grad class and Seaquam. There are other far more acceptable ways for the Grad class to celebrate. In addition, there are financial costs to cleaning up and fixing damage, and any such costs will be borne by those responsible or the whole Grad class.

Other concerns we have for all students include incidents of alcohol and drug use, vandalism and other property damage, and reckless and dangerous behaviour. Such incidents often lead to conflict with community members and put a drain on the time and resources of the Delta Police Department and City of Delta. They also have the potential to fuel division within the school community and to impact relationships, feelings of trust and good will in the wider community.

At the start of each school year, Seaquam reminds students of the expectations included in the [District](#) and School Code of Conduct, <https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/our-school/code-of-conduct/>, and the importance of reporting concerns to a trusted adult and/or by using the anonymous online [ERASE Reporting](#) website. I encourage all parents/guardians to review these Codes of Conduct with their child(ren).

Students who are unable to meet the District and School Codes of Conduct may suffer from a range of repercussions, including:



- Loss of privileges to participate in school-initiated events and activities, for example,
  - school sports teams
  - musical productions
  - competitions
  - Grad Events such as Grad Boat Cruise, Dances, Red Carpet and Grad Banquet
- In or out of school suspension
- Criminal charges

Please note: These repercussions apply to student conduct while at school, and also to student conduct in the wider community where it negatively impacts the school.

I hope that you will take the time to talk with your child(ren) about making responsible choices. We are all part of this amazing Seaquam community, and we all share a responsibility in keeping property and each other safe.

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson  
Principal