

STUDENT RULES

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document sets out the Rules for student behaviour on the KTC Israel Experience 2023.
- 1.2 The Israel Experience is a rich educational experience that aims to open your eyes to (or widen your view of) the collective history of the Jewish people. The program aims to both educate and inspire you; and it invites you to reflect on your place in the fabric of the Jewish people. On tour, we welcome questioning and discussion about our past, our future and our responsibility as Jews.
- 1.3 As a responsible student, you will understand that we need to have rules. These allow all participants to know what is expected of them, and to reflect on how they will contribute to the positive experience of the trip for all. Each participant needs to understand the impact of his or her behaviour.
- 1.4 It is in this context that we set out below the expectations we have of each student participating in the tour.
- 1.5 The Israel Experience is a KTC program. As well as these rules, all the ordinary standards of behaviour that apply to students during the school year also apply throughout the tour. You must ensure that you are familiar with your school rules as well as these Rules. A breach of our school's rules will also be considered a breach of these Rules. While the tour director and staff have the power to deal with breaches of these Rules, KTC retains ultimate disciplinary responsibility for its students at all times.
- 1.6 When you sign the Israel Tour Application Form, you will be:
 - (a) indicating that you accept and understand these Rules; and
 - (b) agreeing that you will comply with them at all times during and after the program.
- 1.7 If you behave in a way that is contrary to or breaches these Rules in any way at any time, then you may be disciplined, including partial suspension from the tour or being sent back to Sydney immediately at your family's expense; and/or by being disciplined on return to Sydney (including suspension and expulsion).

2. General

- 2.1 You must at all times comply, immediately and without argument or discussion, with any instruction given to the group or to you individually by the tour leaders, or staff members from KTC, Maven Tours, or any other appointed leader of a program or activity (collectively known as Staff Members).
- 2.2 You must take care for your own health and safety, by following any instructions given to you by any Staff Member about health and safety for particular activities or locations.
- 2.3 You must **not** at any time under any circumstances:
 - (a) leave the group or any premises without the specific permission of the Tour Leader or a teacher;
 - (b) use public transport (including buses, sherut, taxis or Uber-type services), including during any free weekends, except in exceptional circumstances and even then, only with written permission from your parents and the Tour leader; or
 - (c) hitchhike (or 'trempe').

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- 2.4 You must not touch apparently 'ownerless' objects including but not limited to suitcases, handbags, shopping bags, cigarette boxes etc. If you see any unattended objects or if you become aware of any other potentially dangerous circumstances, you must immediately report this to a Staff Member.
- 2.5 You must participate respectfully in all aspects of the program, including:
- (a) respecting the importance of all elements of the program, including meals and compulsory davening (shacharit, mincha, maariv) & the wearing of tefillin for boys
 - (b) arriving on time for all departures, scheduled field trips and classes;
 - (c) speaking with respect, and appropriately, to others;
 - (d) behaving in a manner that is honest, empathetic, considerate and inclusive of others;
 - (e) not teasing, bullying or belittling others (this is dealt with further in part 8 below);
 - (f) taking responsibility for your actions; and
 - (g) behaving in a manner that will uphold the good name of KTC and of the Sydney Jewish community at all times – including being respectful and attentive during all presentations, especially when there are guest presenters delivering the sessions.
- 2.6 All students must bring their own siddur, and all boys must bring their own tefillin. Boys must wear a kippah or hat at all times and are expected to put on tefillin daily with the minyan.
- 2.7 Boys and girls are expected to dress modestly at all times, in accordance with regular school policy. (The Tour leader/ teacher has the authority to determine whether clothing is modest or not).
- 2.8 As part of our tour we will have scheduled time daily for davening and learning. These sessions are NOT optional. Students MUST participate in all sessions regardless of the time of day and when they are held. Failure to adhere to this will be seen as a serious breach of tour rules.
- 2.9 There is to be **no loud** playing of music at any time; nor running up and down corridors of hotels, unless with the consent of accompanying teachers.
- 2.8 Students may only purchase or eat food in accordance with the list of specific hechsherim that we will be providing to the students. Even if your family holds by another hechsher, only food under hechsherim approved by KTC may be bought or eaten.
- 2.10 Please keep the cash and valuables you carry to a minimum. You are responsible for all your own belongings
- 2.11 At any time while participating in the program, you might be subject to bag and/or room searches, including random searches. Please ensure you do not have in your possession, at anytime, including in suitcases, any contraband, including, but limited to:
- (a) Alcohol; vapes; cigarettes; tobacco; nagila; other illegal substances
- 2.12 Students who have ADHD are to ensure they bring enough medication for the duration of the five week tour. Students with ADHD **have to** take their medication daily (this is a condition of participation in the tour, and is not optional).

3. Airport Behaviour and Flying

- 3.1 You must:
- (a) comply with all airline requirements regarding both cabin luggage and the weight of luggage to be checked in. You are not permitted to purchase extra weight or baggage allowance; and
 - (b) check in your own baggage and move through airport security as efficiently as possible.

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- 3.2 You must:
- (a) stay with your designated group at all times; and
 - (b) ensure that you understand meeting locations and times and comply with all deadlines.
- 3.3 During flights, you must be considerate of other passengers and not engage in loud conversations or engage in behaviour likely to disrupt other people.

4. Accommodation

- 4.1 You must sleep in your assigned room. You may not change rooms, unless you have been given permission to do so by the tour leader or a teacher/chaperone.
- 4.2 You must keep the door to your assigned room locked at night.
- 4.3 You are responsible for the cleanliness and order of your room. Rooms may be inspected before breakfast without warning. You will be held financially responsible for any damage or loss of equipment / bedding etc that you have (either wholly or partially) caused.
- 4.4 You are not permitted to order 'room service' at any time, even at your own expense.
- 4.5 Please be mindful of the rights and privacy of others, and do not disturb others during rest periods / or at night.
- 4.6 Friends or relatives may only visit you during the tour with the approval of the Tour Leader. Guests are ONLY permitted in public spaces such as lounges or common rooms, and will not be granted permission to sleep over, nor visit your room without the explicit permission of the Tour leader or a teacher/chaperone. All visitors must leave before 10:00pm, or any earlier time specified by the Tour Leader.

5. Phones

- 5.1 Mobile Phone policy is covered in a separate document that you must agree to.

6. Injury or Illness

- 6.1 You must report any illness or injury to the Tour Leader or Head Teacher as soon as practicable.
- 6.2 You must have the permission of the Tour Leader or Head Teacher and be accompanied by a Staff Member approved by the Tour Leader at all times if you need to:
- (a) stay in the group's accommodation because you are sick; or
 - (b) leave the group to seek medical or other health treatment – in most cases you will be accompanied by a teacher/adult.

7. Alcohol and Other Drugs, Tattoos and Piercings

- 7.1 You must not purchase, possess, consume or use alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, tobacco, nagilla or other drugs at any time during the tour except as set out in the next paragraph. It is illegal in Israel to enter a club or pub under the age of 18, and you may not do so.
- 7.2 You may only bring drugs (prescription or non-prescription) with you from Australia, or purchase them while overseas, with your parent's/guardian's written permission, which should be detailed on the medical forms you have provided before the trip. Students who normally take medication for ADHD need to ensure that enough medication is brought for the duration of the five-week tour. Students with ADHD are expected to take their medication daily.
- 7.3 You may not have any part of your body tattooed or pierced while on the tour.

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8. Bullying, Harassment and Victimisation

- 8.1 Participants on the trip must not bully, harass or victimise others.
- 8.2 Bullying generally means unreasonable repeated behaviour by a person or group which is directed towards another person (sometimes, but not always, a less powerful person), that makes the victim feel distressed, intimidated, humiliated, threatened or vulnerable and creates a risk to their health or welfare. Conduct that is bullying might be verbal, physical, social or psychological conduct. A person might be bullied for any reason - it might be that someone just does not like that person.
- 8.3 Harassment generally means conduct that unreasonably causes offence, humiliation or intimidation. Sometimes, but not always, harassment is based on characteristics of the victim such as gender, race/ethnicity, disability or behaviour.
- 8.4 Victimisation generally means treating someone badly because they have made (or threatened to make) a complaint about bullying, harassment or other unfair behaviour.
- 8.5 You should not tolerate bullying, victimisation or harassment. You should report any incidents of these types of behaviour (whether directed to you or someone else) to the Tour Leader or teacher/chaperone.
- 8.6 Swearing or using any form of language that might intimidate or humiliate anyone is also unacceptable.

9. Social Media Posts

- 9.1 You may not post anything to social media that is derogatory of any person, nor may you post anything that could bring our school, any other school, hotels, tour company or any other provider into disrepute.
- 9.2 If you post on any social media, you must not include: your locations, or photos that could identify your locations, either before or during your visits to those locations, but you may post these after the tour is finished.

Acknowledgement & Acceptance

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above rules, terms and conditions of the KTC Israel trip and I accept to abide by all of the rules, terms and conditions. I understand that any breach of these may be dealt with under section 1.7 of this document

Student Name

Signature

Date

Parent Name (1)

Signature

Date

Parent Name (2)

Signature

Date