

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Introduction

1. The ethical climate of an organisation is an essential element in establishing its credibility and furthering its mission. The U3A movement in Victoria provides a competent and ethical service to Third Age members of the community and undertakes to provide its members with a trustworthy, fair, honest environment based upon equal opportunity to participate in U3A programs and activities.

### Purpose

2. The purpose of this policy is to document U3A Kyneton Code of Conduct for members and the processes that will be followed where a breach of the Code of Conduct is reported.

### U3A Kyneton Purpose

3. The following is extracted from the Model Rules (Constitution) which can be found on the web site.

***The purposes of the association are - U3A Kyneton is to provide continuing learning, physical activity and social and community interaction. Wherever possible this will be achieved by utilising members' skills, contribution and resources. U3A Kyneton primarily caters for members in the third age of life and no educational qualifications are required or given.***

### Policy

4. U3A Kyneton commits itself to operating in accordance with this Code of Conduct for the benefit and protection of the organisation and of members' personal rights.
5. Every member of U3A Kyneton has the right to:
  - Feel safe and respected
  - A supportive and positive learning environment
  - Participate in learning, social, and recreational opportunities
  - Receive services fully compliant with U3A norms
  - Make a complaint and receive prompt and fair resolution thereof
  - Have access to guidelines, policies and procedures adopted by U3A Kyneton
6. Every member of U3A Kyneton has the responsibility to:
  - Respect the beliefs, needs and background of others
  - Act and speak respectfully
  - Understand and follow the organisation's guidelines, policies and procedures
  - Carry out all activities in an appropriate manner
  - Work cooperatively for the benefit of all members
  - Maintain positive relationships
  - Care for the property and possessions of the organisation and members
  - Help create an inclusive environment

- Report actual or potentially unsafe situations or conduct
  - Wear a name badge to assist in the governance of the organisation
7. The principles set out in this Code of Conduct are intended to apply to any U3A-related context including classes, activities, sponsored social functions, meetings, conferences and holiday trips.
  8. The principles set out in this Code of Conduct apply equally to all members and volunteers / employees.
  9. A breach of this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action.

## **COVID – 19**

10. All meetings and activities conducted must comply with the current Health Directives issued by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.
11. Any person who attends any face-to-face activity or course organised by U3A Kyneton must be fully vaccinated in accordance with the Victorian Government and Public Health Emergency Orders
12. Vaccination details will be entered into U-MAS as 'COVID Vaccinated' this indicates that a Victorian Government approved certificate indicating that the named member has been fully vaccinated (double dose).
13. The above requirements do not apply to online activities or courses.

## **Procedures**

14. Where a person believes they have been subject to treatment or conduct that is in breach of this Code of Conduct he/she may lodge a complaint with U3A Kyneton Secretary. The Secretary will inform the President immediately.
15. Any complaint of a breach of this Code of Conduct will be handled in accordance with Model Rules Grievance Policy.
16. Any queries about this Code of Conduct should be referred to U3A Kyneton Secretary.

## **Responsibilities**

U3A Kyneton Committee of Management is responsible for:

17. Developing, adopting, implementing, publishing, and reviewing this Code of Conduct
18. Investigating and resolving any complaint made about a breach of this Code of Conduct

U3A Kyneton Secretary is responsible for:

19. Receiving and responding to enquiries about this Code of Conduct.
20. Receiving complaints about an alleged breach of this Code of Conduct and for bringing the matter before the Committee of Management promptly.