

4. Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech

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General duty to uphold freedom of speech. Members, students, and employees of the College are bound at all times so to conduct themselves as to ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured for members, students, and employees of the College and for visiting speakers.

The freedom protected by para. 1 of this Code of Practice is confined to the exercise of freedom of speech within the law. Examples of statements which involve a breach of the criminal law are incitement to commit a crime, sedition, and stirring up racial hatred in contravention of statute. Statements may also be unlawful if they are defamatory or constitute a contempt of court.

General duty not to impede access to places at which the right of freedom of speech is exercised on premises of the College. Subject to such limitations on access as may lawfully be imposed by the competent college authorities, it shall be the duty of every member, student, and employee of the College not to impede the free access of any person entitled to be present to a place where the right of freedom of speech is being or is to be exercised on premises of the College.

Right of peaceful protest. Nothing in this Code of Practice shall be taken to prohibit the legitimate exercise of the right to protest by peaceful means; provided always that nothing is done which contravenes the foregoing general principles of the other requirements of this Code.