



# The Venture Classmate Profile

**As Venture classmates we strive to be:**

**Open-minded** – we listen to others and encourage constructive debate. We appreciate that ideas different from our own provide a spark for discussion and are not “wrong”. We accept differences of opinion and constructive criticism.

**Trusting** – we recognize that a positive group dynamic depends upon building trust. We consciously look for chances to build that trust. We acknowledge when our trust has been broken and we seek to redress the situation as quickly as possible.

**Respectful** – we accept differences and respect people in all ways; emotional, intellectual, cultural, and physical. We recognize that our strength comes from our collective efforts and that everyone has a role to play in these efforts. We know when to be serious and attentive, and when to have fun and socialize.

**Welcoming** – we acknowledge newcomers and visitors with respect and a warm welcome. We believe that newcomers to the class enrich it for everyone. We make an effort to help new classmates assimilate into our school.

**Caring** – we understand that everyone has bad days and tough spots in school and in life. We are there to help as best we can but we also give people the room they need to solve their own problems. We advocate for our classmates when appropriate and seek advice from our teachers and counselors on how best to help them.

**Cooperative** – we recognize that our strength is a collective strength. While we all have talents we know that sharing these make us better as individuals and as a class. We do our part in projects and encourage others to do theirs to the best of their ability. We help each other.

**Risk-takers** – we recognize that some risks are positive and we take on challenges willingly. We ask questions and offer answers, even if we’re not sure of ourselves. We make a point of talking with everyone in the class, not just our friends. We try new experiences that can help others and ourselves.

**Leaders** – we know that success requires teamwork and that good teams need good leaders. We model good leadership by our organization, support, perseverance, and courage.

**Balanced** – we know that people need to learn but also need to be healthy and contribute to the greater good of their school and community. We volunteer and participate and create.

**Enthusiastic** – we love what we do and are excited to learn. We do our best at every opportunity and show good humour as we work. We look for the positive in every situation and celebrate our successes.