

NSW Department of Education



Walbundrie Public School Behaviour Support and Management Plan

Overview

Walbundrie Public School is committed to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour and to supporting all students to be engaged with their learning.

Our goal is to inspire every child to participate positively in society. We focus on promoting excellence, opportunity and success for every student, every day. We value and strive to develop safe, respectful learners in a caring learning community.

Principles of positive behaviour support, trauma-informed practice, inclusive practice and social emotional learning underpin our daily practice. High expectations for student behaviour are established and maintained through effective role modelling, explicit teaching, and planned responses.

To achieve our vision, key programs prioritised and valued by the school community are:

- Be you [Home - Be You](#)
- Life skills Go [Life Skills GO \(lifeskillsgroup.com.au\)](https://lifeskillsgroup.com.au)
- Smiling Mind [Smiling Mind](#)
- Bounce Back [Bounce Back! \(bounceback-program.com\)](https://bounceback-program.com)

Walbundrie Public School rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including cyberbullying by maintaining a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Staff are committed to establishing evidence-based approaches and strategies that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur.

All members of the school community are active participants in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity and fosters positive relationships. A key component of a supportive school culture is building respectful relationships and an ethos that bullying is not accepted, in both online and offline environments. School staff actively respond to student bullying behaviour.

Partnership with parents and carers

Walbundrie Public School will partner with parents/carers in establishing expectations for engagement in developing and implementing student behaviour management and bullying strategies, by:

- inviting parent/carer and student feedback through formal and informal means such as school surveys, Tell Them From Me surveys, consulting with the P & C and local AECG
- gathering student and parent voice within our consultation processes

Walbundrie Public School will communicate these expectations to parents/carers through the school newsletter. Our school proactively builds collaborative relationships with families and communities to create a shared understanding of how to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



School Community Charter

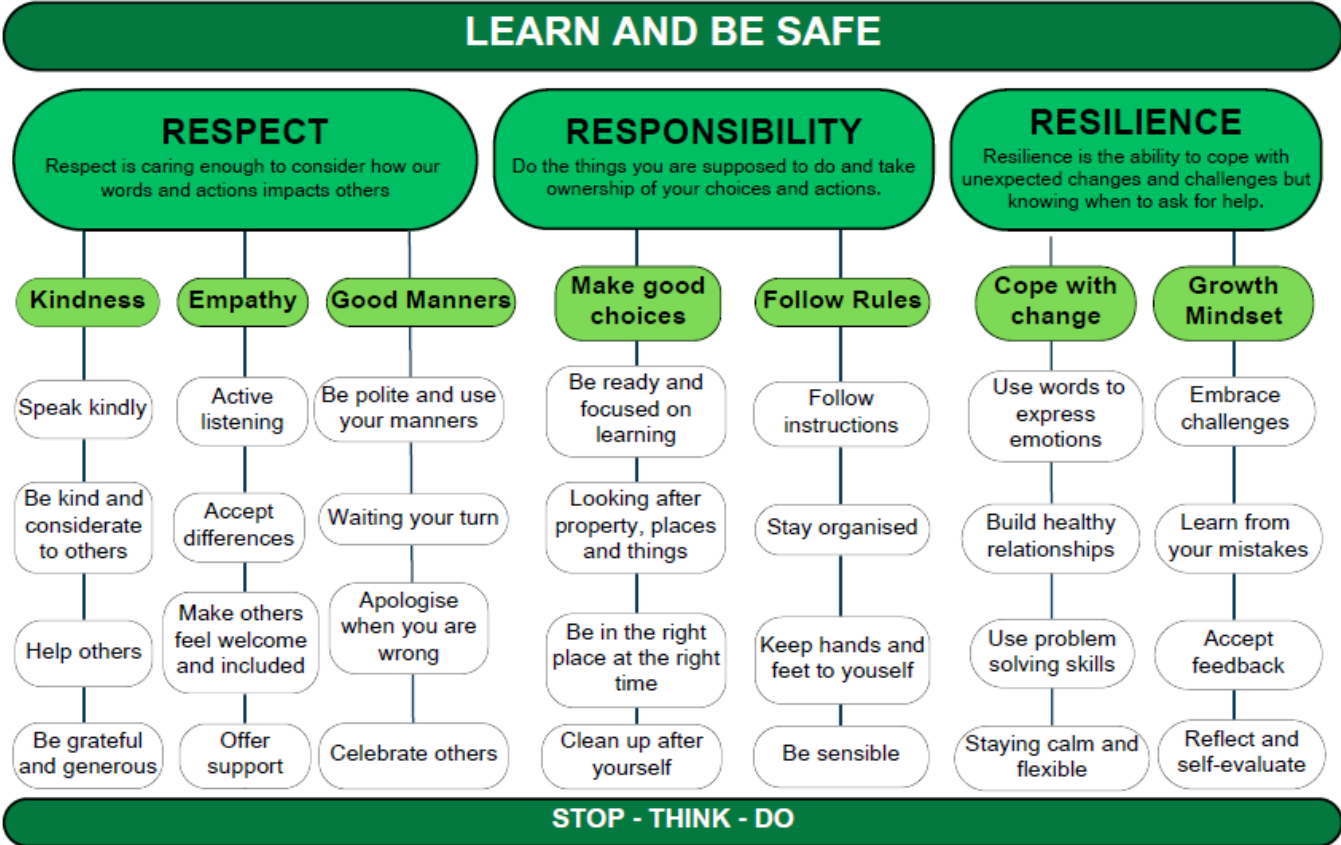
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School-wide expectations and rules

Walbundrie Public School has the following school-wide rules and expectations:



Walbundrie Public School Learning and Behaviour Expectations



Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

Walbundrie Public School takes strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning. See the [Behaviour Code for Students](#) for more details.

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Behaviour code for students

Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

All students have a right to:

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations. The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW

Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Behaviour code for students: Student actions

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity.
- Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.

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If this is a printed document, refer to the department's Policy Library for the most recent version.

Whole school approach across the care continuum

Our school embeds student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches and strategies in practices across the care continuum to promote positive behaviour and respond to behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyberbullying behaviour.

These approaches and strategies are built on a foundation of evidence-based effective classroom practices that set the tone for engagement with learning and respectful relationships. These practices include:

- stating and explicitly teaching classroom expectations
- establishing predictable routines and procedures that are communicated clearly to students
- encouraging expected behaviour with positive feedback and reinforcement
- discouraging inappropriate behaviour
- providing active supervision of students
- maximising opportunities for active engagement with learning
- providing carefully sequenced engaging lessons that provide options for student choice
- differentiating learning content and tasks to meet the needs of all students.

Restorative Practices is a whole school teaching and learning approach that encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing occur.

Trauma-informed practice should be practised as a whole school approach with a focus on consistent, relationally based and predictable strategies. Trauma-informed practice focuses on how school staff and leaders can better relate to and support the wellbeing and learning of children and young people who have experienced trauma.

Appendix 1 – Care continuum – Multi-tiered system of support

Prevention	Whole-school proactive and prevention approaches aim to establish and maintain safe, respectful learning environments for all students. Proactive approaches include explicit teaching of the expected behaviours. These learning environments include classrooms, playgrounds, online and any other school endorsed events and should encourage prosocial behaviour. These interventions underpin effective teaching and will reduce minor behaviours of concern when applied consistently.
Early intervention	Some students require early intervention to deal with emerging, low-level behaviours of concern. Early interventions provide early support for students or groups of students who are identified as being at risk of developing behaviours of concern. Schools need to develop a range of initial responses and approaches to work with students displaying emerging, low-level behaviours of concern. Early responses to behaviours of concern include preventive strategies, explicit teaching of expected behaviours, logical consequences, and consultation.
Targeted intervention	Some students may require targeted support to encourage positive behaviours, particularly if they exhibit more complex and challenging behaviours, or where the frequency of the behaviour of concern may put students' learning and social success at risk if it is not addressed quickly. School staff should facilitate positive behavioural supports, including explicit teaching of expected behaviours as well as making targeted and reasonable adjustments in the classroom to support effective teaching and learning practices.
Individual intervention	Students with highly complex and challenging behaviours may need comprehensive systems of support that require regular reviews in consultation with parents, Team within a school and Team Around a School. Strategies for these students require individual assessment, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Schools need to build capacity of school teams and teaching staff to be able to undertake functional behaviour assessments (FBA), develop individual student support plans and risk management plans for individual students.

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Prevention	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (NDA)	Our school participates in the annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) - in August each year.	Staff & students
Prevention/ Early intervention	Go Skills	The Go skills program has a strong emphasis on belonging and inclusion, encouraging the children to accept and value themselves and their peers for who they are.	Students K-6
Prevention / Early intervention / Targeted / Individual	Australian eSafety Commissioner Toolkit for Schools to prevent and respond to cyberbullying	The toolkit supports our school to prepare, engage and educate the school community about creating and maintaining safe online environments to prevent cyberbullying incidents.	All students, individual students K - 6, families, staff
Targeted intervention	Attendance support	The principal will convene a planning meeting with students, families and teachers to address barriers to improved attendance and set growth goals.	Individual students, principal
Targeted / individual intervention	School learning and support	Provides support for students who need personalised learning and support.	Principal, individual students K - 6, families
Individual intervention	Individual Behaviour Support Planning	Planning is done in collaboration with the student and their family with support from Team Around a School where needed. This can include individual behaviour support and risk management plans.	Individual students, staff

Table 2: Strategies and resources

Strategy, approach, intervention, resource	Prevention	Early Intervention	Targeted	Individual
Quality Differentiated Teaching Practice	X	X	X	X
Classroom practice resources and strategies	X	X	X	X
Universal Resource Hub	X	X	X	X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Behaviour Inclusive practice 				

Strategy, approach, intervention, resource	Prevent ion	Early Intervent ion	Target ed	Individ ual
<u>Positive behaviour support strategies</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>Understanding behaviour resources</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>eSafety Commissioner Toolkit for Schools</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>Attendance matters – resources for schools</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>Anti-racism education</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>Supporting students with English as an additional language or dialect resources</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>Supporting students from a refugee background</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K-10 Syllabus 2018</u>	X			
<u>Aboriginal Languages and cultures</u>	X			
<u>Working in partnership with the NSW AECG Inc.</u>	X			
<u>Anti-bullying resources</u>	X	X	X	
<u>New Arrivals Program</u>		X	X	
<u>Personalised Learning and Support</u>		X	X	X
<u>Evidence-based practices for students with disability</u>			X	X
<u>Individual behaviour support planning</u>			X	X
<u>Functional behaviour assessment</u>			X	X
<u>Risk management planning</u>			X	X
<u>Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)</u>			X	X
<u>Integration funding support</u>				X

Planned responses to positive appropriate behaviour, inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying

Identifying behaviour of concern, including bullying and cyberbullying

A behaviour of concern is challenging, complex or unsafe behaviour that requires more persistent and intensive interventions. A behaviour of concern does not include low-level inappropriate or developmentally appropriate behaviour. Bullying behaviour involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship, is ongoing and repeated and involves behaviour that can cause harm.

Walbundrie Public School staff will identify inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying through a range of channels, for example:

- directly observing a child or young person's behaviours, interactions, verbal communications, or work produced (such as written materials, performances or artworks)
- a person disclosing information that is not previously known, either because it is new information or because it has been kept a secret
- concerns raised by a parent, community member or agency.

Students or parents can report bullying to any staff member. NSW public school principals have the authority to take disciplinary action to address student behaviours that occur outside of school hours or school grounds, including cyberbullying. Students who have been bullied will be offered appropriate support, for Walbundrie through their year advisor or school counselling service.

Responses to all behaviours of concern apply to student behaviour that occurs:

- at school
- on the way to and from school
- on school-endorsed activities that are off-site
- outside school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and students' conduct
- when using social media, mobile devices and/or other technology involving another student or staff member.

Preventing and responding to behaviours of concern

Walbundrie Public School uses the following strategies to recognise and reinforce positive student behaviour and behavioural expectations:

The use of verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is the most powerful way to:

- help adults and learners to focus on positive social behaviour
- increase the likelihood that students will use the expected behaviours and skills in the future
- decrease unexpected behaviour and reduce the need for corrective responses
- enhance self-esteem and build an internal focus of control.

Specific positive feedback may not be sufficiently reinforcing for some students, so the school-wide continuum provides the opportunity to pair verbal or non-verbal feedback with a positive, tangible consequence.

The school-wide continuum for acknowledging expected behaviour includes:

- free and frequent – for everyday use by all staff in all settings
- moderate and intermittent – awarded occasionally
- significant and infrequent – semester or annual types of recognition.

Prevention Responses to recognise and reinforce positive, inclusive and safe behaviour	Early Intervention Responses to minor inappropriate behaviour.	Targeted/Individualised Responses to behaviours of concern.
<p>1. Behaviour expectations are taught and referred to regularly. Staff model behaviours and provide opportunities for practice. Students are acknowledged for meeting school-wide expectations and rules.</p>	<p>1. Refer to school-wide expectations and/or emotional regulation visuals and/or supports so that the student can self-regulate. 2. Ask students “Are you being_____right now?”</p>	<p>1. Seek help from principal or other staff member if there is a risk to safety. Otherwise notify principal ASAP.</p>
<p>2. Verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is paired with a positive, tangible reinforcer in a school-wide continuum for acknowledging expected behaviour.</p>	<p>3. Use indirect responses including proximity, signals, non-verbal cues, ignore, attend, praise, redirect with specific corrective feedback</p>	<p>2. Principal/CT to take immediate steps to restore safety and return the situation to calm by using appropriate strategies such as: redirecting to another area or activity, providing reassurance or offering choices. Incident review and planning is scheduled for a later time determined by the context and nature of the incident.</p>
<p>3. Tangible reinforcers include those that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • free and frequent • moderate and intermittent • significant and infrequent <p>Intermittent and infrequent reinforcers are recorded on the centralised recording system.</p>	<p>4. Use direct responses e.g. Rule reminder, re-teach, provide choice, scripted interventions, student conference. Students have an opportunity to meet the classroom/playground behaviour expectation before a low-level consequence is applied.</p>	<p>3. Principal collects information and review the incident from multiple perspectives and determine next steps. Principal records the incident on the centralised recording system and contact parent/carer by email or phone. Principal may consider further action eg: formal caution/suspension.</p>
<p>4. All social-emotional learning programs are taught weekly.</p>	<p>4. Teacher records on the centralised recording system by the end of the school day. Monitor and inform family if repeated.</p>	<p>4. Refer to the school’s Learning and Support Team or APLaS considering current and previous behaviour data. Other actions may include developing a behaviour support/response plan and/or completing a risk assessment.</p>
<p>Teacher/parent contact</p>	<p>Teacher/parent contact</p>	<p>Teacher/parent contact</p>
<p>Teacher contact through the parent portal or phone calls home are used to communicate student effort to meet expectations.</p>	<p>Teacher contacts parents by phone or email when a range of corrective responses have not been successful. In some cases, individual planning and referral to LST may be discussed.</p>	<p>Principal contacts parent/carer to discuss any support and behaviour responses, including referral to the LST, outside agencies or Team Around a School.</p>

Responses to serious behaviours of concern

Responses, including students who display serious behaviours of concern, are recorded in the centralised recording system. These may include:

- review and document incident
- determine appropriate response/s, including supports for staff or other students impacted
- refer/monitor the student through the school learning and support team
- develop or review individual student support planning, including teaching positive replacement behaviour and making learning and environmental adjustments
- reflection and restorative practices (listed below)
- liaise with Team Around a School for additional support or advice
- communication and collaboration with parents/carers (phone, email, parent portal, meeting)
- formal caution to suspend, suspension or expulsion.

The NSW Department of Education [Student Behaviour policy](#) and [Suspension and Expulsion Procedures](#) apply to all NSW public schools.

Reporting and recording behaviours of concern

Staff will comply with reporting and responding processes outlined in the:

- [Incident Notification and Response policy](#) and [Incident Notification and Response Procedures](#)
- [Student Behaviour policy](#) and procedures
- If a behaviour of concern is also a child protection matter use the [Mandatory Reporting Guideline Tool](#).

Students and/or parents/carers can report cyberbullying to the [eSafety Commissioner](#) and reporting links for most sites, games and apps can be found at the [eSafety Guide](#).

Reflection practices

Toilet and food breaks are always included when withdrawal from free choice play at either break is planned as a response to behaviour.

Action	When and how long?	Who coordinates?	How are these recorded?
Reflection conversation (problem-solving) – What happened, what did you do, and what could you do instead next time.	Class time and break times as required	Teacher/ principal	Documented in school record system



Walbundrie Public School Behaviour Escalation

PREVENTION ← EARLY INTERVENTION → TARGETED INTERVENTION → INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTION →
As per NSW DoE Suspension and Expulsion Procedures

Behaviour Type	Expectation	Redirection Needed (Low key, incidental)	Low Level Challenging Behaviours (Intentional, repeated)	Severe Challenging Behaviours (Intentional, malicious)	Extreme Behaviours
Behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being Safe Being Respectful Being Responsible Being Resilient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> unsafe behaviour off task in class misuse of technology unfocused behaviour not following instruction not following school rules inappropriate language, e.g swearing lying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> repeated intentional inappropriate language e.g. swearing mild continued/persistent disobedience and/or disruptive behaviour damage to or theft of property mild verbal abuse mild bullying and cyberbullying misuse of technology discrimination, including that based on sex, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. deliberate defiant behaviour deliberately not following instructions absconding from classroom intentional lying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued/persistent disobedience and/or disruptive behaviour malicious damage to or theft of property major verbal abuse threatening behaviour serious bullying and cyberbullying misuse of technology discrimination, including that based on sex, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. being in possession of, uses or supplies tobacco, vaping devices, alcohol and e-cigarettes being in possession of, uses or supplies a suspected illegal/restricted substance being in possession of, or using weapons including knives and firearms using an implement as a weapon seriously threatening or engaging in physically violent behaviour engaging in serious criminal behaviour related to the school engaging in sexual harassment, sexual assault or other sexualised behaviour that may pose a risk of or has caused physical, psychological or emotional harm to others. 	<p>The principal and Director, Educational Leadership can consider expelling a student from a particular school on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> serious behaviour or behaviours of concern where behaviour interventions and risk management strategies, including suspensions, have not been successful
Teacher Response and Action	None needed	Teacher redirection to School Expectations Giving choices Using scripts: "Have a think about ...", "Are you...?" Teach appropriate behaviour Informal verbal discussion of behaviour	DE-ESCALATION then ...	DE-ESCALATION then ...	Escalation to executive staff School Bytes incident recording Notification via text and email to parent via School Bytes Principal discretion
Possible Student Consequence (fair and consistent)	Positive consequence Verbal praise Excursions Awards End of day game	Student conference and reflection Making up lost learning time during break Natural consequences Deep breathe/Brain break Taking responsibility for actions 3 Strike System: 1. Warning 2. Reminder of Warning 3. Consequences	Apologies Making up time + loss of time (reflection time) Time out Loss of privileges Self-directed time out Walk/move away/thinking time	Suspension Parents contacted to collect Police	Expulsion

Review dates

Last review date: Staff Development Day 1, Term 1, 2024

Ratified by P & C 01/11/2024

Next review date: Staff Development Day 1, Term 1, 2025