

# **GOOD STANDING POLICY**

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## **Rationale**

The Good Standing Policy has been developed to support the school's Behaviour Management Policy and Code of Conduct by acknowledging and rewarding exemplary behaviour. This policy is applicable to all students (K-6) and is intended to encourage positive behaviours at Hopetoun Primary School and to ensure the safety of staff and students. Only students with Good Standing will be permitted to participate in camps, excursions, incursions, off-site sporting events and other extra-curricular activities.

At Hopetoun Primary School, staff play an important part in supporting children's social-emotional development. A child's social and emotional skills take time to develop and need the guidance of patient, caring adults. Children learn to trust and feel confident when they feel safe and close to the adults in their life.

The Good Standing Policy supports our students to take responsibility for their learning and make positive choices for their behaviour. It is recognised that, at times, there may be exceptional circumstances that have resulted in negative behaviours. On these occasions all factors will be taken into consideration when a decision is to be made to withdraw good standing and this remains at the discretion of the Principal and/or the Deputy Principal. These factors include the age of the child and any other special circumstances.

## **PROCESS**

All students commence with and retain Good Standing while exhibiting behaviours that align with the school's values and beliefs as outlined in the school's behaviour plan. It is the responsibility of each student to maintain their Good Standing.

The following key principles of restorative practice reinforce the processes embedded within good standing requirements:

- Positive interpersonal relationships are a major influence on behaviour.
- A culture of care supports all individuals in the school community.
- Cultural receptiveness and responsiveness is key to creating learning communities to mutual respect and inclusion.
- A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviour.



## REWARDS FOR GOOD STANDING

1. Students on Good Standing will be able to participate in camps, excursions, incursions, off-site sporting events and other extra-curricular activities.
2. RIPPER RECESS. At the end of each term, students who are on Good Standing will join in an extended recess break of 15 additional minutes. During the Ripper Recess, play equipment and other games will be set up for students to play with.

## LOSS OF GOOD STANDING

1. Good Standing is granted to all students in Years K-6 at the beginning of each school year.
2. Good Standing will be withdrawn by the Principal and/or Deputy Principal (in consultation with staff) under the following circumstances.
  - a. One occurrence of negative behaviour requiring suspension or in-school withdrawal.
  - b. 3 'major' behaviour referrals in the course of a term.
  - c. Persistent negative behaviour whilst participating in and/or representing the school in extra-curricular activities.
  - d. Where a student's attendance rate is below 70% (moderate or severe risk), and there is no reasonable explanation.
  - e. Student is consistently late to class
3. Good Standing is lost for **ten school days**. The student will be placed on a positive behaviour support plan or contract with goals to support them during the ten days. Behaviours that contravene the positive behaviour support plan or contract will lead to the ten days restarting.
4. If a Student Leader loses Good Standing, their badge is revoked until Good Standing is reinstated. If a Student Leader loses Good Standing for a second time, their badge is revoked permanently. (Student Leaders sign contracts at the start of the school year regarding their roles, responsibilities and behaviour expectations and must adhere to these rules to keep their badge).
5. The classroom teacher will notify the student's parent or guardian regarding loss of Good Standing. In some circumstances, the Deputy or Principal will notify the parents.

## REINSTATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING

1. Good Standing will be reinstated following the student meeting the expectations within the positive behaviour support plan or contract over 10 consecutive days.
2. Parents will be advised when the student has regained their Good Standing
3. The student will be able to participate in camps, excursions, incursions, off-site sporting events and other extra-curricular activities.