

### Good Standing Policy



In 2018 the Department of Education directed all schools to implement a Good Standing policy as a result of increased fighting, intentional physical contact and videoing of student altercations in mainly secondary school contexts. As such 'Good Standing' was implemented to identify when students are not making good choices around behaviour or contributing to a physically safe learning environment for everyone. The Good Standing Policy promotes positive education and strategies that encourage self-regulation of behaviour. The behaviour of a student with a disability will be seen through the lens of the disability. For younger children, judgements will be made in conjunction with their developmental age. Nearly all students will retain their 'Good Standing' throughout their primary school years.

#### Good Standing

All students commence the year with Good Standing. This is maintained by exhibiting behaviours that align with the school's values, promote the school rules, class agreements and keep everyone safe. Teachers will ensure students are provided with opportunities to maintain Good Standing by following the school's behaviour management plans and policies. Good Standing means that each student has access to events that are additional to the core educational program such as the Year 6 camp, graduation, incursions, excursions, sports carnivals, school rewards or organised events, school social activities and leadership positions.

#### Loss of Good Standing

In determining the potential loss of good standing, the deputy principal, in consultation with the teacher, considers the context, circumstances and situation of the student's unexpected behaviour. Loss of good standing could occur as a result of, but is not limited to:

1. Continued and frequent breaches of expected behaviours whilst at school or whilst participating and/or representing the school in extra-curricular activities. These are the types of behaviours that impact student engagement. Each breach is considered a step towards possible loss of Good Standing.
2. Loss of Good Standing is considered case by case, in consultation with the class teacher. The final decision is made by an administrative staff member and recorded on Integrin in the Behaviour Module as a behaviour entry.

#### Immediate Loss of Good Standing

Serious unexpected behaviours could incur an immediate loss of good standing. These behaviours include, but are not limited to:

1. Involvement in a fight
2. Making physical contact with the intention to harm, intimidate or distress another student or staff member
3. Videoing a fight or incident between students in the grounds of the school or off-site where there is reasonable nexus between the incident and the school, with the intention of distributing or publishing.
4. Classroom or playground behaviours which result in a suspension
5. Proven harassment (including online) or bullying of another student

#### Regaining Good Standing

After the loss of good standing the following process is undertaken:

1. A meeting takes place between the class teacher, the student, their parent/guardian and the relevant deputy principal.
2. Strategies, goals, support and a timeframe for the reinstatement of good standing are discussed.
3. A Return to Good Standing Plan is developed and copies kept in the student's record file and on the school's shared drive.
4. If achievement of the goals within the timeframe occurs, good standing will be reinstated, assuming there are no further breaches of any kind.
5. If good standing is not reinstated, a second meeting will occur to redefine goals and consequences and further support the student to achieve good standing.
6. Reinstatement of Good Standing is considered in consultation with the class teacher. The final decision is made by the administration team.

#### Related School Policies

*Anti-Bullying Policy*

*Behaviour Management in Schools Policy*

*Policy Review 2023*

Every student starts the year positively with Good Standing.  
That means every student displays positive behaviours that show they are ready to learn.

