

Rationale

In July 2023, the Minister for Education released a statement “Standing together against violence”. The development of a Good Standing Policy is a mandatory requirement for all public schools in response to the increasing incidents of violence in schools; physical, verbal and emotional violence.

All public schools are also required to suspend/exclude students who fight or make intentional physical contact with other students or staff or disrupt the good order that is expected in public schools.

At Beaconsfield Primary School Good Standing is underpinned by the following key principles of restorative practice:

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

Good Standing at BPS

All students commence each term with good standing and retain this status while exhibiting behaviours that align with the school’s High C’s Framework and Positive Behaviour Expectations.

Loss of Good Standing

Loss of good standing occurs after a suspension or series of behaviours not aligned with the school’s Behaviour Expectations. Loss of good standing could result in a loss of opportunities; excursions, carnivals, special events, camps etc. depending on timing and circumstances.

To maintain Good Standing at BPS, students must:

- Meet attendance requirements
- Follow the BPS Positive Behaviour Expectations
- Not be involved in any major behaviour breaches including but not limited to:
 - Ø Verbal abuse of other students
 - Ø Verbal abuse of staff
 - Ø Threatening other students and or staff
 - Ø Intimidating other students and or staff
 - Ø Cyberbullying at school
 - Ø Damage to property
 - Ø Physical abuse of other students and or staff (automatic suspension)
 - Ø Breach of Mobile Phone Policy

It is recognised there are occasionally exceptional circumstances surrounding a student’s demonstration of negative behaviours including students with a disability or additional needs.

Consideration of individual circumstances will be given in regards to loss of Good Standing. This decision is at the discretion of the principal.

Parent Contact

Parents will be contacted in the event of loss and when Good Standing is reinstated. In the event of a disagreement with the principal's decision to remove Good Standing status, families can email the principal and if they remain aggrieved, contact can be made to South Metropolitan Regional Education Office on 9336 9563.

Regaining Good Standing

Students will regain their Good Standing after negotiation with Administration, on a case-by-case basis. Good Standing can be re-instated after the student has demonstrated positive behavioural change, as decided by the principal.