



Good Standing Policy

Background

We aim to improve academic and social-emotional outcomes of all students within an orderly and safe environment. This Good Standing Policy is to support the school community in fulfilling this aim. It is in accordance with the State Government's '**Let's Make a Stand Together**' plan which directs schools to act against violence towards staff and students, vaping and inappropriate social media actions in schools. The policy also adheres to the Department of Education (WA) 2019 directive issued under section 232 of the School Education Act 1999 by the Director General.

Policy

At South Bunbury Primary School, we believe learning is enhanced in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative and safe environment. Good Standing emphasises the importance of students taking responsibility for their actions, particularly those that may have a negative impact on their safety and/or learning and the safety and/or learning of others. Good Standing works in conjunction with the SBPS Behaviour Management Policy and Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program.

Maintaining Good Standing

To maintain Good Standing at SBPS, students must demonstrate the SBPS LEAP behaviour expectations of:

- **L**earn and Grow,
- **E**mpathise and show respect,
- **A**ct responsibly and
- **P**ractise resilience

Loss of Good Standing

Students will lose Good Standing for:

- Behaviour resulting in suspension
- Three (3) documented major behaviour breaches over a 3-week period.

Major behaviour breaches include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal abuse of other students or staff
- Threatening or intimidating other students or staff
- Damage to property or theft
- Substance misuse or possession of unauthorized substances
- Fighting
- Physical abuse of other students
- Physical abuse of students and/or staff
- Offensive conduct
- Technology misuse, which may include:
 - Inappropriate web searches (explicit nature)
 - Logging into social media accounts at school
 - Using personal phone or smart devices at school
 - Sharing inappropriate searches, material, texts with other students
 - Cyberbullying or continuing out-of-school online issues at school

Students without Good Standing will not be allowed to attend or participate in:

- Incursions/excursions (including any held after hours/overnight)
- School or class reward activities
- Inter-school sport or other events representing the school
- End of year activities or celebrations, including Graduation

Regaining Good Standing

The Principal/Deputy Principal will discuss with the student and parent(s) the pathway to regaining Good Standing on an individual basis. Generally, students will regain their Good Standing after a period of up to 3 weeks provided no further major behaviour breaches are documented. Additional measures may be implemented to support these students to learn more appropriate behaviours. These will be tailored to the needs of the student and communicated to the student and parents on an individual basis. Students may have the initial period extended for further behaviour breaches during this time.

Parent contact regarding Good Standing

When a student has two (2) major behaviour breaches documented, parents/carers will be notified by a member of the administration team to inform them that documentation of a third major behaviour breach will result in loss of Good Standing for their child. This will allow parents to counsel their child about the required behaviour expectations to maintain Good Standing.

When a student loses their Good Standing, their parents/carers will be notified by a member of the administration team.

One size does not fit all.

We recognise that not all situations and contexts are the same. Any decision to withdraw or maintain Good Standing will be at the discretion of the Principal in consultation with staff.