



# Behaviour and Good Standing Policy

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## BACKGROUND

In early 2019, a directive was published by the Minister for Education on school violence, 'Let's Make a Stand Together'. This required public schools to take action with students who fight, photograph or video any violent actions and/or share them with any media or social media platforms. 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. 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. This policy 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 Boulder Primary School the Good Standing Policy supports our values of Respect, Honesty, Persistence and Resilience. It embodies our vision to promote a safe and supportive learning environment. It further aligns with our Beliefs for successful students who are accountable for themselves. The Good Standing Policy emphasises the importance of students taking responsibility for their actions. Good Standing Policy supports and works in conjunction with the Boulder Primary School Behaviour Management Policy.

The processes embedded within good standing requirements are underpinned by the following key principles of Restorative Justice:

- 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 of respect and inclusion
- A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviours

## ISSUANCE

- As a student enters/enrols the school and
- At the commencement of each school year.
- At the commencement of week 1 and 6 each school term
- It is the responsibility of each student to maintain their 'Good Standing'.
- Students may lose the privilege to participate in activities where the safety of the student, other students, staff, property and the community is a concern.

## MAINTAINANCE

To maintain Good Standing at Boulder Primary School students must exhibit behaviors that align with the school's values and beliefs as articulated in the school's behavior plan.

- Comply with Boulder Primary School's rules
- Follow Boulder Primary School Behaviour Management Plan and classroom policy and procedures.

## LOSS

It is the responsibility of each student to maintain their Good Standing.

A student's 'Good Standing' status may be withdrawn following consultation with the Administration and the classroom teacher for the following (but not limited to) reasons:

- The student is suspended
- The student's attendance is below 80% for the Good Standing period

Students who lose their 'Good Standing' may lose the privilege to participate in various events throughout the school year. This may include but is not exclusive: - excursions, incursions, camps, social events, school assemblies, interschool sporting events, sports days and Year 6 Graduation.

## REGAINING

All students will regain their Good Standing at the beginning of each term. Students who lose Good Standing due to behaviour will regain their Good Standing five weeks from the date of their return to school. Boulder Primary School will implement a restorative and educative return to school process to re-establish positive relationships and behaviour. Where appropriate an individual behaviour plan focusing on the identified areas for improvement will be developed.

## PARENT CONTACT

All parents/guardians will be informed about Good Standing. This policy is available to all parents/guardians, at all times, via the Boulder Primary School website.

Students who lose their Good Standing will have their parents/guardians contacted to discuss their behaviour, how the student will regain it, and what specifically their child will miss out on as a result.

When a student regains their Good Standing, their parents/guardians will be notified.

The Boulder Primary School Good Standing Policy is provided to maintain consistency in our decision-making processes. It is important to note that these are guidelines and if there are extenuating circumstances that have resulted in the negative behaviours or there is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous negative behaviour then, these factors will be considered. Any decision to withdraw or maintain Good Standing will be at the discretion of the Principal.