



GOOD STANDING GUIDELINES

Documented evidence clearly indicates that learning is enhanced in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative and caring environment, free from disruption and any form of violence. The *APS Good Standing Guidelines* emphasise the importance of students taking responsibility for the choices that they make on a daily basis. These *Guidelines* are a part of and work in conjunction with our school's whole school Behaviour Guidelines and the Department of Education's *Keeping our Workplace Safe* initiative.

The *APS Good Standing Guidelines* support our school to take 'reasonable care'. This means that a teacher must respond to all elements of foreseeable risk and take reasonable steps to mitigate these.

These guidelines will apply to all students at Aveley Primary School. They stipulate that students will follow our school's behaviour expectations in all aspects of school life. This includes during instructional time, during recess and lunchtimes and anytime the student is representing our school, as indicated by the wearing of their school uniform. This includes extra curricula activities and coming to and going from school each day.

Good standing requirements are 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 is key to creating learning communities to mutual respect and inclusion.
- A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviour.

To maintain 'good standing' students must:

- Comply with the APS Whole School Behaviour Guidelines

A student's 'good standing' status may be withdrawn if the student does not adhere to the expectations of maintaining 'good standing' (see previous).

Severe Clause:

- Students may lose the privilege to participate in activities where the safety of other students is a concern. Any form of violence will result in the loss of 'good standing'.
- Students who are involved in a 'one off' severe behaviour incident in the classroom or playground may automatically lose their 'good standing'.

Parents and Guardians of students 'at risk' of losing their 'good standing' will be contacted by a member of the Administration Team.

Regaining 'good standing':

All students will have an opportunity to regain their 'good standing' by adhering to the expectations outlined in their Individual Plan.

The *Good Standing Guidelines* are provided to maintain consistency in our decision making processes. It is important to note that these are guidelines and if :-

1. there are extenuating circumstances that have resulted in the negative behaviours
 2. a student has special needs and / or;
 3. there is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous negative behaviour,
- ... then, these factors will be taken into account and any decision to withdraw or maintain 'good standing' will be at the discretion of the Principal.