



Falls Road Primary Independent Public School

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Good Standing Policy

Rationale

As part of the learning community at our school, all students and staff have the right to feel they are part of an inclusive, safe and caring environment. Developing a 'Good Standing' policy emphasises the importance for students to take responsibility for the choices they make and the impact their negative behaviour choices have on others.

The aim of the Good Standing Policy is to set standards of behaviour that are consistent with the values and expectations as outlined in Falls Road Primary School's Behaviour Management in Schools (BMIS) Policy. It also provides a standard for acknowledging and rewarding student's exemplary behaviour, attitude, work ethic, attendance and standard of uniform.

Our approach to 'Good Standing' has been shaped by the Department of Education's *Student Behaviour* policy requirements, Keeping our Workplace Safe initiative and associated *WA Positive Behaviour Support* framework. This policy is a mandatory requirement for all public schools based on the 'Let's Take a Stand Together' Department of Education (WA) directive of 2019, in response to increasing incidents of violence in schools.

What is Good Standing?

The concept of 'Good Standing' focuses on students demonstrating positive behaviours throughout the term in class and in the playground. Students who do the 'right thing' and consistently behave in an appropriate manner, display a positive attitude and work ethic, show consistency in their attendance and standard of uniform, and comply with school guidelines and learning requirements; have 'Good Standing'.

Good Standing:

- applies to students in Year 4 – Year 6
- is issued at the commencement of each school term

Students with Good Standing may participate in all curricular and extra-curricular activities of the school and will be eligible to represent the school in sporting, social and cultural activities.

Maintaining Good Standing

In order to maintain their Good Standing status, students must not demonstrate any **major misbehaviours** including but not limited to:

1. **Verbal abuse** of other students or staff (e.g. swearing, name calling etc.)
2. **Threatening or intimidating behaviour** toward other students or staff (e.g. bullying)
3. **Physically abusing other students or staff** (e.g. hitting, kicking, fighting, wrestling)
4. **Breaching Internet Appropriate Use** contracts (e.g. inappropriate searches, sharing inappropriate content, sending unkind or disrespectful emails online)
5. **Purposefully damaging property**



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Three Strikes Rule

- Under the Good Standing policy, all students are subject to a three strikes rule.
- Students who demonstrate major misbehaviours throughout the term, will earn themselves a strike towards their Good Standing. This includes:
 - students receiving a *Blue Note* for inappropriate behaviours in the classroom (see BMIS Policy).
 - students receiving a *Yellow Detention Note* for major inappropriate behaviours in the playground (see BMIS policy)
- If a strike is necessary, behaviour choices and alternative options for what could be done in the future when they are faced with the same issue or concern, will be discussed with students, providing them with the opportunity to reflect and make a positive choice next time.
- Parents of students who receive a strike will be notified immediately.
- Students who receive a total of 3 strikes will lose their Good Standing status and not attend social school functions or represent the school in sporting or academic teams until they have regained their Good Standing.

Severe or Serious Misbehaviours

- Students who are involved in a one off severe behaviour incident will automatically lose their Good Standing.
- Students may lose the privilege to participate in activities where the safety of others is a concern.
- Students who lose their Good Standing 3 times in a year may jeopardize their participation in sporting carnivals, camps, excursions, dinner dance etc.

Regaining Good Standing

- Students will have the opportunity to regain their Good Standing on a case by case basis in negotiation with the School Administration.
- To regain Good Standing, students must demonstrate a consistent and focused effort towards making positive behaviour choices over a period of time to be determined by the Administration – this will be discussed with the students and parents advised.
- All students begin each term with Good Standing except in extenuating circumstances where parents have been advised

Review

Policy to be reviewed at the end of each year.