

Good Standing Policy



**Wellard
Village**

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Purpose

In accordance with the Department of Education's Student Behaviour Policy, Keeping our Workplace Safe and the WA Positive Behaviour Support framework (PBS), Wellard Village Primary School has a Good Standing Policy, as part of our whole school Student Behaviour Education Policy. The development of a Good Standing Policy is a mandatory requirement for all public schools, in order to address violence in schools.

At Wellard Village Primary School, the Good Standing Policy supports our values of *Courage*, *Compassion* and *Responsibility*. Good standing emphasises the importance of taking responsibility for negative choices students may make and which may ultimately have an effect on their safety and/or learning and the safety and/or learning of others. The Good Standing Policy is a part of, and works in conjunction with the whole school Student Behaviour Education Policy and aims to provide regular acknowledgement and recognition for students who consistently behave and act accordingly to the Wellard Village Behaviour Expectations.

This policy has been developed by the WVPS Leadership Team. Any review or future changes will be made with the approval of the future WVPS School Board.

Parent/ Carer Contact Information

- All parents/carers at Wellard Village will be informed of the WVPS 'Good Standing Policy' through our website and parent handbook.
- All parents will be informed about good standing at Meet the Teacher Night.

Good Standing

All students start with good standing and it is issued:

- As a student enrolls at our school, and
- At the commencement of each school year.

Maintaining Good Standing

To maintain good standing at WVPS students must:

- Follow the WVPS Behaviour Expectations
- Follow the WVPS Student Behaviour Education Policy
- Not be involved in any of the following:
 - Major behaviour breaches:
 - Verbal abuse of other students
 - Verbal abuse of staff
 - Threatening other students
 - Threatening staff
 - Intimidating other students
 - Intimidating staff
 - E-breaches (technology misuse)
 - Inappropriate searches (explicit nature)
 - Logging into social media accounts
 - Making inappropriate e texts (explicit nature)
 - Sharing inappropriate searches, material, e-texts with other students
 - Cyberbullying at school
- Damage to property
- Fighting (automatic suspension)
- Physical abuse of other students (automatic suspension)
- Physical abuse of staff (automatic suspension)

Students will be educated about what good standing is and how to maintain it through the teaching of our whole school behaviour expectation matrix, and our weekly PBS lessons.

Losing Good Standing

A student will lose good standing after a breach, or series of breaches, of school discipline. These include:

- Major behaviour breaches (outlined above).
- Starting a fight.
- Making physical contact with the intention to harm.
- Filming a fight.

Students will automatically lose their good standing when they are suspended.

Supporting students who loses Good Standing

Students who lose good standing may be withdrawn from non-curricular school activities. If a student loses good standing, the Principal or Associate Principal will communicate to the student and their parent/carer:

- The reason for loss of good standing.
- Consequences associated with loss of good standing.
- A plan to improve the student's behaviour.
- When good standing will be reinstated.

A loss of good standing in a school is a sanction imposed because of a serious breach of discipline, whereby the student will not be permitted to participate in specific school events. Where a loss of good standing has been imposed, the Principal will continue to provide supervision and appropriate educational instruction to students not permitted to take part in school events. A student's good standing will be re-instated after a period of five weeks of positive behaviour and will be outlined in the student's behaviour support plan.

Students who lose their good standing at Wellard Village will lose the privilege to participate in PBS rewards and various events throughout the school year. These include social based activities including excursions, camps, interschool sporting events, sports days, and graduation social events.

Regaining Good Standing

- Students will regain their good standing after a period of five weeks of positive behaviour.
- Teachers will utilise the Wellard Village Primary School behaviour tracking book to track student behaviour.
- The Leadership Team will monitor the students' behaviour through the tracking book on a weekly basis.
- Students who regain their good standing will receive a positive phone call to inform parents of reinstatement.

The WVPS Good Standing Policy is 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; or
2. the child has a special need; or
3. there is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous negative behaviour

then, these factors will be considered and any decision to withdraw or maintain good standing will be at the discretion of the Principal.