

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Bethal PS

1. Student Behaviour – Bethal PS Context

Bethal PS actively seeks to engage with parents and the community to ensure a positive and inclusive school culture in which every student has the opportunity to succeed. Bethal PS works collaboratively with students and parents/ carers to establish fair and respectful behaviour policies and practices, based on the school's values, expected social competencies and positive peer relationships. There are also intervention strategies in place to address inappropriate behaviours which can negatively impact on the learning environment of the self and others.

Bethal PS appreciates its diverse student and parent population, and has measures in place to ensure all students enjoy the same level of access to the school's curriculum and co-curricular programs. Our teaching and learning philosophy is important in engaging all students in their academic learning. Our provision of EAL classes provide students with additional classroom support to ensure student literacy and numeracy needs are being addressed. Our social skills program and Buddies programs(Prep) are tailored to address students' personal and social learning at various stages of their primary education. Our Disability and Impairment program provides vital assistance and support to students in and out of the classroom. Student leadership capacity is fostered through the Student Representative Council and the role of the school captains.

Students receive added support in their learning through our community networks. This includes our Homework Club and Instrumental Program provided through our Hub sponsorship and RMIT University.

The employment of multicultural aides is important in communicating effectively with our community families, many of whom reside overseas. Bethal PS also uses interpreters where appropriate to assist parents/ carers to engage in the learning and progress of their child. This also enhances our capacity for effective decision making due to the greater diversity of perspectives and inputs.

Student wellbeing (social, emotional and cognitive engagement) is addressed in a number of ways. At risk students are supported by our Wellbeing Team which includes the DEECD Psychologist, Social Worker, the School Nurse and School Welfare Officer. External agencies such as local Youth Services, Engage1on1 Counselling, Kildonan and Berry St work with students and families on a more targeted and individualised level.

When relationships break down between members of the school community, we use "Restorative Practices" to restore and rebuild these. Staged responses are implemented in addressing ongoing behavioural issues, and suspension from school is viewed as a last resort.

The school places an emphasis on 100% attendance, and has in place attendance targets. Attendance is monitored throughout the day, and student absences are followed up daily. (Refer to our Attendance Policy).

Bethal PS values parent / carer input into its operations and curriculum offerings and seeks feedback through the Parent Opinion survey, and from parent representatives on School Council. The School Council provides financial assistance and encouragement to the Parents' Association in our efforts to build a sense of community.

2. Rights and Responsibilities:

It is the right of all members of the School community to experience a safe, pleasant and supportive learning and teaching environment. Staff, students and parents/ carers have a right to be treated with respect, and enjoy an environment free from bullying (including cyber bullying), harassment, violence, discrimination or intimidation. (Refer to our Anti-Bullying Policy, Equal Opportunity Policy, Disability and Impairment Policy and Multicultural Policy).

Teachers also have the rights to be informed, within Privacy requirements, about matters relating to students that may impact on their teaching and learning for that student.

Students have a responsibility to contribute positively to the educational experience for themselves and other students, to participate fully in the school's educational program, and to ensure that their behaviours demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and all other members of the school community.

Parents/ carers have a responsibility to take an active interest in their child's educational progress, model and reinforce positive behaviours and ensure their child's regular attendance. They have a responsibility to support the school in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students, and engage in regular and constructive communication with school staff regarding their child's learning.

Teachers have a responsibility to demonstrate the standards set by the Victorian Institute of Teaching. That is, to know how students learn and how to teach them effectively, know the content they teach, know their students, plan and assess for effective learning, create and maintain safe and challenging learning environments, and use a range of strategies to engage students in effective learning. Teachers also have a responsibility to fairly, reasonably and consistently implement the Student Engagement Policy and Behaviour Policy.

All members have an obligation to ensure school property is appropriately used and maintained.

3. Shared expectations:

	Students	Parents/Carers	Principals/Teachers & Staff
Engagement (participation in the classroom and other school activities)	<p>Demonstrate preparedness to engage in and take full advantage of the school program</p> <p>effort to do their very best</p> <p>self-discipline to ensure a cooperative learning environment and model the school values</p> <p>team work</p>	<p>Promote positive outcomes by valuing the importance of education and liaising with the school on their child's progress/needs</p> <p>Support their child in their preparedness for the school day and in the provision of a supportive home environment</p> <p>Monitor their child's school involvement and progress and communicate with the school when necessary</p> <p>Are informed and supportive of school programs and actively participate in school events/parent groups</p>	<p>The school will comply with its duty of care obligations and have a responsibility to provide an educational environment that can effectively engage all students</p> <p>The school will provide appropriate, relevant and challenging curriculum that gives students the opportunity to have input into their learning and experience success</p>
Attendance	<p>All students are expected to: attend and be punctual for all timetabled classes every day that the school is open to students</p> <p>be prepared to participate fully in lessons</p> <p>bring a note from their parents/carers explaining an absence/lateness</p>	<p>Parents/Carers are expected to: ensure that enrolment details are correct</p> <p>ensure their child attends regularly advise the school as soon as possible when a child is absent</p> <p>account for all student absences keep family holidays within scheduled school holidays</p> <p>Support their child's</p>	<p>In accordance with DEECD procedures the school will: Proactively promote regular attendance mark rolls accurately each lesson and follow up on absences</p> <p>Identify trends via data analysis</p> <p>Report attendance data in the school's Annual Report</p> <p>Support students whose attendance is problematic by developing 'Return to</p>

		learning during absences and work with the school to reintegrate students after prolonged absences	School' plans and working with families to implement individual strategies
Behaviour	<p>Students are expected to:</p> <p>take responsibility for their learning and have high expectations that they can learn</p> <p>take responsibility for their behaviour and its impact on others</p> <p>model the schools core values of diversity, achievement, responsibility and endeavour</p> <p>comply with the schools Behavioural Policy and work with teachers and parents in developing strategies to improve outcomes</p>	<p>Parents/Carers are expected to :</p> <p>have high expectations of their child's behaviour and an understanding of the schools behavioural expectations</p> <p>Communicate with the school in regards to their child's circumstances</p> <p>Cooperate with the school by assisting in the development and enforcement of strategies to address individual needs</p>	<p>The school will deliver an inclusive and comprehensive curriculum which promotes positive behaviours and emphasises the well being of every child focusing on pro-social behaviours in curriculum content</p> <p>The school will employ whole school and classroom practices to establish a climate in which appropriate behaviour is the norm for all students and focus on the implementation of preventative and early intervention strategies to deal with attendance and behavioural issues</p> <p>The school will consistently apply its Behavioural Policy through a shared collegiate understanding and only exclude students in extreme circumstances.</p> <p>The school recognises that for some students additional support may be needed in the form of staged responses and is committed to working</p>

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5. School Action and Consequences

[Corporal Punishment is prohibited in all Victorian schools. Corporal punishment must NOT be used at the School under any circumstances.](#)

Student engagement, regular attendance and positive behaviours will be supported through relationship based whole-school classroom practices, including targeted and individualised support when required. (Please refer to our Attendance Policy and Behaviour Policy). Whole school practices include:

- Establishing predictable, fair and democratic classrooms and school environments
- Ensuring student participation in the development of classroom and whole school expectations
- Providing personalised learning programs where appropriate for individual students
- Consistently acknowledging all students
- Empowering students by creating multiple opportunities to take responsibility and be involved in decision –making
- Providing physical environments conducive to positive behaviours and effective engagement in learning

Inappropriate behaviours, including irregular attendance, will be supported through a staged response, including:

- Understanding the student’s background and needs
- Ensuring a clear understanding of expectations by both students and teachers
- Providing consistent school and classroom environments
- Scaffolding the student’s learning program
- Engaging in “Restorative Practices”

Broader support strategies will include:

- Involving and supporting the parent/carer
- Involving the Director of Student Engagement and Well-Being, the Pathways and Transition Manager, the Disability and Impairment manager and guidance officer where appropriate
- Mentoring and /or counselling
- Convening student support group meetings
- Developing individualised learning, behaviour or attendance plans
- Providing broader educational programs (work experience, camps)
- Involving community support agencies
- Contact with the Regional Office

Discipline Procedures – suspension and expulsion

A student may be excluded from school in situations where all other measures have been implemented without success, or where an immediate suspension is the only appropriate course of action in response to the student’s behaviour which may put

the health, safety and well-being of other students, staff or themselves at significant risk.

Consequences which may be used prior to suspension include:

- Withdrawal of privileges
- Use of behaviour and attendance sheets to monitor behaviour
- Withdrawal from class activities for a specified period. Where appropriate, parents/carers will be informed of such withdrawals
- Detention: teachers may require a student to complete school work or additional work or duties at recess or lunch break, or afterschool. No more than half the break time may be given to detention and afterschool detentions will not exceed forty-five minutes. Parents will be informed at least the day prior to the detention and in family circumstances where this would create undue hardship, the school may negotiate an alternative disciplinary measure with parents/carers.
- Convening of a school support group.

When considering suspension or expulsion, Bethal PS follows the Department of Early Childhood and Development's procedures (refer to section 4.3 of Effective Schools are Engaging Schools: Student Engagement Policy Guidelines).

APPENDIX B:

MANAGING STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Effective schools are engaging schools which create a positive school culture. The primary focus is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment. Students can only learn effectively in environments in which they feel safe and supported, and where teachers have high expectations for their learning. Well run and democratic classrooms are central to the establishment of safe school environments.

Behaviour unchallenged is behaviour condoned

Responsibilities of the Classroom Teacher:

- **Involve and engage all students, set high expectations, seek feedback from students and “give out two messages to every child –‘you can succeed’ and ‘I will help you do that’.**
- **To be familiar with and implement the following two documents: “*Protocols for Maintaining an Orderly Learning Environment*” and “*Learning Environment: Rights and Responsibilities*”.**
- **To be familiar with the Bethal PS Behaviour Policy and be consistent in its implementation.**
- **Become practised in using restorative practices.**
- **When breaches of Bethal PS Behaviour Policy occur, classroom teachers must follow school policy. Classroom teachers must record behaviour on the incident register and if deemed necessary refer on to the assistant Principal.**
- ***In extreme circumstances the threat is to be referred immediately to the Principal Class.***

Responsibilities of Coordinators

A. Promotion of Positive Behaviours:

- Establish consistent school wide and classroom expectations, and classroom consequences for problem behaviour, involving the reinforcement of positive social behaviours and the use of restorative practices to improve student behaviour management outcomes. Assist individual teachers in implementing positive behaviour support and restorative practices.

B. Attendance:

- Articulate high expectations of attendance to all members of the school community
- Follow up absences on a daily basis and keep all staff, the Office Administration and Principal Class informed on student management issues.

- Organise Attendance Conferences and ensure the Attendance Plan proforma is completed.
- Participate in transition team meetings to develop the Student Mapping Tool.

Responsibilities of the Leading Teacher of Engagement and Well-Being

The Leading Teacher of Engagement and Well-Being is responsible for:

- developing, implementing and evaluating the Bethal PS's Student Engagement Policy Guidelines
- developing prevention and early intervention programs and strategies that contribute to a positive school culture.
- develop a whole school approach to student attendance and to participate in attendance conferences with sub school managers.
- To liaise and work with the Pathways and Transitions Manager in supporting "Students at risk".
- To promote and assist all teachers in the use of restorative practices.
- Induct new staff on the Bethal PS's Student Engagement guidelines.

Responsibilities of the Assistant Principal

The Assistant Principal is responsible for:

- Documenting incidents relating to the management of student behaviours to inform decision making. When concerns arise about a student's on-going behaviour or when a student is displaying chronic patterns of problem behaviour, implement a targeted response to address the problem. This may involve the establishment of a student support group involving parents/carers/wellbeing coordinator.
- Supporting both classroom teachers and Leading Teachers in the overall management of student behaviours.
- Monitoring the attendance strategy and Behaviour Policy.
- Ensuring the *Procedures for Suspension* are adhered to.
- The Assistant Principal may also be the Principal's representative at Student Support Group meetings during pre and post suspension conferences.

Responsibilities of the Principal:

The Principal is responsible for student expulsions, and to ensure the Procedures for Expulsion are adhered to.

School Action and Consequences

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Rules	Classroom Teacher Responsibility	Coordinator/AP
<p>Overall behaviour</p> <p>Students must obey all reasonable requests of staff.</p> <p>Students must never physically or verbally abuse others.</p> <p>Students must always treat others with respect.</p> <p>Students must respect the rights of others to</p>	<p><i>Follow the "5 Steps to Classroom Control":</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Remain calm</i> 2. <i>Warn with rights based warning "Your behaviour is disturbing others, please stop".</i> 3. <i>Reassert "I understand and we can discuss this later. Right now please..."</i> 	<p><i>Implement a staged response:</i></p> <p><i>Speak with the student prior to actioning any of the following:</i></p> <p><i>Parent to be notified of the behaviour</i></p> <p><i>Behaviour sheet</i></p> <p><i>Restorative chat with affected parties</i></p> <p><i>Behaviour Plans</i></p>

<p>learn. No student has the right to impact on the learning of others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must respect the property of others. • Students must bring correct equipment to all classes • Students must work to the best of their ability. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Give choice “You have a choice. If you will not comply you will have to meet with me at lunchtime, afterschool etc 5. Follow through with graded consequences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Move student to another seat / isolated area of the classroom b. Seat student outside of classroom on chair for 10 minutes with a task and organise for conference after class(restorative chat) c. Remove to another classroom for time out d. Organise conference/restorative chat to include Coordinator/AP <p>Continued misbehaviour warrants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Incident Report to Sub School Manager. b. Contact with parent after consultation with Sub school Manager 	<p>Student Contract Parent contact Student support conference In house suspension Recommendation to externally suspend and referral to AP</p>
<p>Attendance and punctuality</p> <p>Students must be on time to all classes Students who are late to school must report to the general office to get a late pass.</p> <p>Students who leave school early must be signed out at the office. Students absent from school must ensure that a signed note or medical</p>	<p>Check late pass. Adjust entry on roll to Late</p> <p>Speak to student about lateness and if an ongoing issue, report to AP.</p>	<p>Speak to student about lateness issues.</p> <p>On going lateness: contact parent and organise for meeting to resolve issue.</p> <p>Follow through with student</p>

<p>certificate is presented immediately upon returning to school. (see attendance policy)</p> <p>Students must not leave the school grounds without permission.</p>		<p><i>and / or parent/guardian/carer</i></p> <p><i>After three days absence: Organise for attendance conference as per the school's attendance strategy. Inform Leading teacher of Engagement and Well-Being. Inform the Principal Class</i></p>
<p>Uniform</p> <p>Students must adhere to the school uniform requirements.</p>	<p><i>Remind students of correct uniform. Report extremes in appearance to Principal Class.</i></p>	
<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Students must not bully, intimidate, exclude or harass others. This includes any verbal, Cyberbullying, physical or sexual conduct which is uninvited, unwelcome or offensive to a person(see harassment/anti bullying policy).</p> <p>Electronic devices must not be used without permission.</p>	<p><i>Challenge behaviours and make a report AP</i></p> <p><i>Confiscate ipod or mobile phone and take to General office</i></p>	<p><i>Contact parents and involve Leading Teacher of Engagement and Well-Being. Refer to Anti-Bullying and Cyber – Bullying Policies and Guidelines Consequences may include apology, anti bullying contract, student task related to anti bullying/cyber bullying, intervention program and/or counselling.</i></p> <p><i>Some cases may warrant immediate suspension. Referral to AP</i></p>

<p>Students must move around the school in an orderly fashion. All members of Bethal PS are required to promote a safe and healthy environment.</p> <p>In the interest of hygiene students must not spit. It is compulsory for all students to wear appropriate footwear at all times.</p>	<p><i>Report to Principal Class</i></p> <p><i>Challenge behaviours around rights and responsibilities and impose consequence e.g. pick up papers, walk with duty teacher. Refer ongoing misbehaviour to AP.</i></p> <p><i>Report to AP</i></p>	<p><i>Inform Principal Class. Student removed from classroom and parent contacted to collect students. Immediate suspension.</i></p> <p><i>Challenge behaviours around rights and responsibilities and impose consequence e.g. pick up papers, walk with duty teacher.</i></p> <p><i>For repeat offenders, removal from Interschool sport, excursions or special events may apply.</i></p>
<p>Property and security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are to respect all Bethal PS property. • Students must not enter staff room or offices unless supervised. • Students must bin all rubbish • Students must not have the following at school: Liquid paper, chewing gum, • Students must return borrowed school material on time. • School will not be responsible for loss of valuables. Valuables should be handed to the class 	<p><i>Challenge behaviours around rights and responsibilities and impose consequence</i></p> <p><i>Gum: scrape gum from tables</i></p> <p><i>For repeated offences, referral to AP</i></p>	<p><i>Challenge behaviours around rights and responsibilities and impose consequence e.g. clean up duties, removal from specialist classes</i></p> <p><i>For repeat offenders, removal from special events.</i></p>

<p>teacher or office for safe keeping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms must be left neat and tidy. • If a student is suspected of engaging in graffiti 	<p><i>Organise for students to remain behind and tidy the room or area.</i></p> <p><i>Retain any evidence of tag and report to Principal Class</i></p>	<p><i>Parent notified. Community service. Parent may be required to meet costs. If extensive and persistent, parent meeting should be called.</i></p>
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APPENDIX C:

THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT : RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bethal PS is a workplace. As soon as you enter into the building you must demonstrate appropriate behaviours:

- Only ever walk through the school. Running is not part of any workplace
- Keep noise to a minimum
- Do not enter other classroom or teaching spaces
- iPods and mobile phones are not to be used. They must remain switched off.
- There is no eating in the Centres or those areas throughout the school that are zoned food free
- There is to be no graffiti

In the classrooms:

1. You and the teacher have the right to do as much work as possible, therefore:
 - Punctuality - You need to be on time
 - Come equipped - You must bring all the necessary equipment to class
 - Attention – you need to listen when others are speaking
 - Effort – you should attempt to do all work
2. You and the teacher have the right to feel comfortable and safe in the classroom, therefore:
 - You should pass all objects by hand
 - You need to speak to others politely
 - You should keep your hands to yourself
 - You should not help yourself to other students' belongings

If you fail to respect the learning environments the following actions may/will be implemented by your teachers:

- Removal from specialist classes

If you fail to respect the classroom environment then your teacher may implement the following actions:

- Change your seating position in the classroom
- Direct you to work away from the classroom
- Lunchtime pick up papers
- Direct you to work from another teacher's class for the duration of the lesson
- In extreme circumstances your teacher may ask you to leave the classroom and report to Administration without implementing any of the above steps. The matter will be followed through by all parties. Contact with your parents may be necessary.

I have read the document and understand my responsibilities and rights as a member of the Bethal PS Learning Community.

Name _____ Class Teacher

Date _____

Signature _____

Key Reference

Effective Schools are Engaging Schools - Student Engagement Policy Guidelines	DEECD - Child Health and Wellbeing
Charter of Human Rights	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_act/cohrara2006433/