



Behaviour Code

The Lonsdale Heights Primary School behaviour code seeks to outline for all school community members the intentions, expectations and consequences for behaviour within our school. The code reflects the values of our school community and its governing body (Governing Council). The code acknowledges that behaviour is the consequence of choice and that one of the schools responsibilities is to provide support for students in the development of acceptable behaviour that mirrors expectations in the wider community. As such the school does not and will not seek to punish students for their behaviour. However, as outlined in the code it will seek to enact consequences that ensure the right of school community members to a safe learning environment. Students are given the opportunity to celebrate behaviour that reflects our school values by participating in the awarding of 'behaviour achievements' at fortnightly assemblies. This code has been developed with consideration of the *DECD School discipline policy* and in consultation with the schools *Governing Council*.

All school community members have:

- A right to be safe
- A responsibility to behave safely
- A right to learn

This includes a right to a learning environment free from:

- Verbal harassment
- Physical harassment
- Distracting behaviour

Any students who behave in such a way so as to impact on the rights of others will be provided with ongoing support to reflect on and consider their behaviour. This may include opportunities to reflect on behaviour in an out of class setting or an out of yard setting. This may also include:

- Office time out - regulation break with leadership for up to 30 minutes
- Time out: 15 minutes at lunchtime
- Step 5 – 2 x 40 minute out of class & a letter sent home
- Yard suspension – a day/s out of the yard (recess/lunch) for yard behaviour
- Take home – a day/rest of that day away from school at home
- Suspension – a day/up to 5 days away from school

If after such opportunities school staff still consider that the rights of others are at risk or students consistently repeat unsafe or disrespectful behaviours, the school may request or seek the following consequences that the student be excluded from attending Lonsdale Heights Primary School.

Regardless of any type of behaviour and consequence, all students are encouraged and supported to take responsibility for their actions and take part in a restorative conversation to reconcile their behaviours and the impact of that behaviour on the rights of others.

