



# Good Standing Policy



In early 2019, a directive was published by the Minister for Education on school violence, 'Let's Make a Stand Together'. This required public schools take action with students who fight, photograph or video any violent actions and/or share them with any media or social media platforms. All public schools are also required to suspend/exclude students who fight or make intentional physical contact with other students or staff or disrupt the good order that is expected in public schools.

The development of a Good Standing Policy is a mandatory requirement for all public schools in response to the increasing incidents of violence in schools. This policy adheres to the Department of Education (WA) 2019 directive issued under section 232 of the School Education Act 1999 by the Director General.

### **Good Standing is issued at CPS:**

- As a student enters the school and
- at the commencement of each school year.

### **Maintaining Good Standing**

Students must follow the CPS Behaviour Management Policy and not be involved in any major behaviour breaches.

### **Losing Good Standing**

Students will lose Good Standing for getting detention or suspension for any of the following behaviours over a 5 week period

- 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 (as stated in Code of Conduct)
- Fighting (automatic suspension)
- Damage to property

- Physical abuse of other students (automatic suspension)
- Physical abuse of staff (automatic suspension)
- Multiple breaches (in discussion with administration) resulting in regularly achieving red on the Traffic Light System

### **Regaining Good Standing:**

Students will regain their Good Standing after:

- A specified period of time - up to 15 days
- A discussion with Administration – a Restorative Justice meeting

### **Parent Contact Regarding Good Standing:**

- All parents/guardians will be informed about Good Standing at the initial parent-teacher meeting in February.
- This policy is available to all parents/guardians via the CPS website.
- Students who lose their Good Standing will have their parents/guardians contacted to discuss their loss, how the student will regain it, and what events their child will miss out on, as a result.
- When a student regains their Good Standing, their parents /guardians will be notified.

### **Students must have Good Standing for the following:**

- To hold student leadership positions
- To receive merit certificates
- To receive Classroom-based rewards
- Participation in interschool events or school-based faction/sports events
- Graduation events
- To be a student councillor, having a leadership position
- Represent CPS in any activities
- Social based activities: disco, camp, school-based social incursions/excursions.

The CPS Good Standing Policy is provided to maintain consistency in our decision-making processes. It is important to note that these are guidelines, and if there are extenuating circumstances that have resulted in the negative behaviours, or there is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous negative behaviour, then these factors will be considered. Any decision to withdraw or maintain Good Standing will be at the discretion of the Principal.



As a part of the Coogee Primary School Behaviour Management Policy, Good Standing was endorsed by the Coogee Primary School Board.

