

Student Wellbeing & Discipline Policy

Rationale

Our Student Wellbeing & Discipline Policy aims to provide a safe and happy place for all students. People have the right to be safe and valued at school and that individual differences are appreciated, understood and celebrated. By establishing this partnership with our community we aim to achieve effective learning and discipline so that the school environment is both productive and harmonious.

Definition

Bullying impacts on the wellbeing of individuals and can negatively affect one's self-esteem and self-worth. It is intentional, ongoing behaviour by an individual or group that causes upset, distress, hurt or an intense sense of fear. Bullying involves intentional and wilful misuse of power in relationships. Bullying often seems to involve direct or indirect harassment, humiliation, violent or physical domination and/ or intimidation of others.

Some bullying behaviours include but are not limited to:

- Verbal such as: name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, insults or threats
- Physical such as: hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, ripping, and spitting
- Social such as: ignoring, excluding, making rude, cruel or crude gestures
- **Emotional** such as: spreading rumours intentionally, menacing dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, inappropriate notes, letters, phone and email
- **Cyber** such as: phone messages, SMS, email, photographs, social media or other technologies.

Overview

Our school promotes an understanding about bullying behaviour to all groups within the school community. The partnership between students, teachers and parents plays a vital role in policy implementation. The following programs and policies support our school Student Wellbeing and Discipline Policy

- Positive Behaviour for Learning program
- School rules
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Social Skills/ Peer Support program
- Implementation of PDHPE syllabus
- Attendance policy
- Uniform policy
- Excursion policy

Our school's Discipline Policy is based on five fundamental core values.

- **INTEGRITY:** Being consistently honest and trustworthy.
- **RESPECT**: Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.
- **RESPONSIBILITY**: Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment.
- **COOPERATION:** Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.
- **CARE:** Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.



Aims

The school aims to:

- Foster a happy school climate where students feel safe and confident that teachers will listen and follow through concerns
- Educate students, teachers and parents in anti-bullying actions
- Reinforce within the school community what bullying is and that it is an unacceptable behaviour
- Encourage all members of the school community to be alert to signs and evidence of bullying and to have a responsibility to report it to teachers, parents and/or peers
- Ensure that all reported incidents of bullying are followed up appropriately and that support is given to the victims of bullies. Seek parental and peer group support and cooperation at all times
- Assists students to resolve conflicts without bullying.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Purpose

As members of Canterbury South Public school, students will be <u>safe</u> in the way they behave, <u>respectfu</u>l in the way they act towards others and <u>learn</u> by having the right attitude. Wherever they are at school, our students will strive to be **safe, respectful learners**. The following expected behaviours have been taught explicitly to the students and are displayed around the school. These expectations form the core of our school discipline code.

School Rules

Our school rules are based on three areas:

- Keep yourself and others safe SAFETY
- Be respectful of others RESPECT
- Learn and let others learn LEARNING









Rights and Responsibilities

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student Rights	Student Responsibilities	
 Receive quality education 	Be prepared to learn	
 Be treated with dignity 	 Respect the opinions, values and 	
Be able to learn	beliefs of others	
• Work in a safe, healthy environment both in	Allow other students to learn	
and out of the classroom - free from	Be honest and truthful	
bullying and intimidation	Report any unsafe/unacceptable behaviours	
 Be able to have and display their own opinions, values and beliefs 	Use respectful language and polite manners	

Staff Rights and Responsibilities

Staff Rights	Staff Responsibilities
 Staff Rights Teach in a climate free from disruption and where teaching/learning is respected Be respected as a professional and as an individual Expect behaviour that contributes to a positive class atmosphere Have time to work with students as individuals 	 They are familiar with all school policies and documents related to student well- being Contribute to the provision of a caring, well- managed, safe environment for all students, staff and parents Involve parents and the community in programs within the school
as an individual	well- managed, safe environment for all
positive class atmosphere	 Involve parents and the community in
individuals	Act in accordance with the school's PBL
 Receive support from the school community Be treated with respect and dignity 	framework and encourage free, positive behavior from students

Principal and LAST team Responsibilities

Principal Responsibilities	Learning Support Team Responsibilities
 Ensure that a commitment to student welfare underpins all the policies and activities of the school Ensure that the school community reviews policies and practices related to student welfare Ensure that student welfare is regularly reviewed using appropriate planning processes Ensure that the school's discipline policy is regularly reviewed 	 Develop effective mechanisms for integrating behaviour management, conflict resolution and support for students experiencing difficulties. Support staff in dealing with student progress and welfare Support services for learning and behaviour development of students by accessing external support services

Community Rights and Responsibilities

Parent Rights	Parent Responsibilities	
 Be involved in their child's education Talk to teachers and staff members about their child through the appropriate channels e.g. book a time for a meeting Be informed of issues related to the learning, social or behavioural development of their child Be informed of upcoming events in which they can be involved 	 Participate in the learning of their children and the life of the school, including reviews of student welfare practices and the PBL expectations Share responsibility for shaping their children's understanding about acceptable behaviour Work with teachers to establish fair and reasonable expectations of the school 	

School-wide Matrix of Expectations:

Setting	Safety	Respect	Learning
Garden	Walk in and around the garden	Share equipment	Follow teacher directions
		Care for the environment	Focus and let others learn
	Use equipment appropriately and safely	Consider others	Be involved
	Wash your hands afterwards		
Library	Walk in the library	Use a quiet voice	Follow teacher directions
	Be a whole body listener	Bring a library bag	Focus and let others learn
	Use equipment appropriately and safely	Return books to the right place	Be involved
COLA	Walk under the COLA	Play cooperatively	Follow teacher directions
	Wear a school hat	Share space and equipment	Play by the rules
	Play small ball games only		Line up by the bell
	Stay in bounds	Care for your own and school property	Listen to all messages
		Place rubbish in the correct bins	
Canteen	Line up quietly	Use your manners	Have money ready
	Buy for yourself and leave	Wait your turn	Eat your own food
	Be in the right place at the right time	Place rubbish in the correct bins	A healthy lunch equals a healthy brain
Office / Admin	Walk in and out of the office	Use a quiet voice	Ask for permission before you visit the office
	Stay with your buddy Always present a pass	Knock and wait Use your manners	Place notes and money in the correct box before school
			Deliver message clearly

Hill	Wear a school hat	Wait in bounds for	Play by the rules
		teacher directions	
	Food free zone		Follow teacher directions
		Use and share space and	
	Report danger to a teacher	equipment	Line up by the bell
		Care for the environment	
Toilets	Flush, wash and go	Use a quiet voice	Use the toilet at the
			correct time
	Stay with your buddy	Care for the toilet	
		environment	Use resources wisely
	Report any problems to a		
	teacher	Give others privacy	Return to class quickly and
			quietly
Napier Street	Small balls at recess and	Share space and	Follow teacher directions
Playground	large balls at lunch	equipment	
			Play by the rules
	Wear a school hat	Place rubbish in the	
		correct bins	Line up by the bell
	Stay in bounds		
		Care for the environment	
High Street	Wear a school hat	Place rubbish in the	Follow the equipment
Playground		correct bins	roster
	Walk on Mana Ngurang		
		Wait your turn on the	Follow teacher directions
	Keep clear of the car park	equipment	
			Play by the rules
		Stay in bounds	
Hall	Walk in the hall	Look and listen during	Follow teacher directions
		assembly	
	Be in the right place at the		Focus and let others learn
	right time	Set up and pack up	
		equipment	Be involved
	Walk up and down one		

Playground Behaviour Management

All teachers at Canterbury South Public school assume responsibility for implementing the school expectations and helping to maintain a safe playground. The specific school rules and expectations are displayed in various areas throughout the school.

Positive playground behaviours are promoted through the distribution of Canterbury Kites. Each teacher is allocated five Canterbury Kites per duty to encourage ongoing positive playground behaviour. If a child is not recorded in the Playground Folder three times within a term, they are permitted to participate in the end of term Rewards Day.

Teachers on playground duty will use a variety of strategies to address breaches of school rules. Strategies used depend on the severity of the inappropriate behaviour. Less severe breaches are corrected via reminders, warning and time outs. More severe breaches are addressed using time off the playground, long term removal from the playground and lunchtime detention.

All breaches of school rules are recorded in the school Playground Folder and this data is then entered into Sentral. Three offences in the Playground Folder within a term result in a student being placed on lunchtime detention. A letter is then forwarded home to notify parents and carers. Consequently the student will miss out on Rewards Day at the end of the term.



CANTERBURY SOUTH AWARD SYSTEM





Collect another 10 Canterbury Kites to receive a second Merit Award



Collect another 10 Canterbury Kites to receive a Bronze Award





Collect another 20 Canterbury Kites to receive a Silver Award and Pencil



Collect another 20 Canterbury Kites to receive a Gold Award and Ball