



## BALER PRIMARY SCHOOL

### GOOD STANDING POLICY


At Baler Primary School, the **Good Standing Policy** supports our values of Connect, Encourage & Aspire by acknowledging and rewarding exemplary behaviour and work ethic. Our shared school vision incorporates our commitment to fostering positive relationships and our strong belief in *“personal responsibility for learning through a positive behaviour policy promoting respect for self and others; resilience; well-being; and self-regulation. We are conscious of the choices we make and the effect these have on ourselves and others.”* In line with this our Behaviour Policy is being reviewed and will be supported by a Behaviour Matrix built on the overarching statement of:

#### We Make Good Choices

In order to make good choices students are explicitly taught four behavioural expectations:

- We are respectful
- We are responsible
- We are safe
- We are achievers

A Baler Primary School student’s key to success, well-being, self-awareness and self-regulation is further enhanced through the following social-emotional programs:

-  Resilience Project
-  Zones of Regulation
-  GEM

**Good Standing is achieved** when a student’s behaviour is within the guidelines of the Baler Primary School Behaviour Expectations. All students will automatically be awarded good standing at the commencement of the school year or upon their enrolment.

- Good standing is a status that is granted or renewed for all students:
  - at the beginning of the year
  - upon enrolment
  - at the end of week 5 of each term
  - at the end of each term
- The exception to the above rule is where a specific event occurs at the beginning of a five week period; in which case the student’s behaviour for the previous four weeks shall be taken into account.
- To maintain good standing students must comply with school rules and individual classroom rules.
- A student with good standing has the right to participate in whole school reward events.

### Loss of Good Standing

When a student loses good standing, the student will lose the privilege of being invited to any special events or school activities; including but not limited to:

- Excursions and incursions
- Special events – including class parties
- Representation at any interschool events
- Faction rewards
- PBS rewards
- Any student who repeatedly loses their Good Standing status may be ineligible for consideration for student leadership positions the following year; or alternatively may have their student leadership position revoked.
- Any Year 6 student who loses their good standing three times within a year may be excluded from the Year 6 camp and/ or Graduation Dinner Dance or Excursion at the discretion of the Principal.

### Good Standing may be withdrawn due to:

- Suspension
- 3 x detentions and /or withdrawals for classroom or playground referrals to administration as recorded on Integris
- 5 x withdrawals to buddy class – where data has been recorded on Integris by the classroom teacher
- Any severe behaviour that jeopardises the safety of other students or staff
- Misuse of social media
- Any activity that brings the reputation of the school into disrepute eg. Participating in anti-social behaviour in the community whilst in uniform

### School Processes & Notifications

- Good standing status will be made by the school administration team in consultation with school staff.
- The relevant teacher and specialist staff are advised of students who have lost *good standing*.
- When a student *loses good standing* parents will be notified via telephone, email or letter by the relevant Deputy Principal.
- Contact with parents / caregivers will be made by the classroom teacher or the Deputy Principal to discuss concerns and how the student can be supported to prevent further reoccurrences
- Regular check-ins with the student will be undertaken once *Good Standing* is restored

### Considerations

The Good Standing Policy is provided in response to a mandate from the Minister of Education that all schools implement a Good Standing Policy. This is part of the Minister's statement on *School Violence – Let's Take a Stand Together*. This policy assists schools to maintain consistency in our decision making processes.

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It is important to note that this document is a guideline and the following factors may be taken into account when making a decision on the status of a students' good standing:-

1. any extenuating circumstances that have resulted in the negative behaviours; or
2. a student has identified or imputed special needs; or
3. the age of the student; or
4. there is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous loss of good standing.

**This policy forms part of Baler Primary School's Behaviour Management**