



STUDENT BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY

(Formerly Discipline Policy) NAG 6

Rationale:

Positive behaviour is a prerequisite for maintaining a safe environment supporting learning and teaching. Botany Downs Secondary College is committed to encouraging and acknowledging positive behaviour and responding to other behaviour in a proactive and effective manner, such that the behaviour is changed.

Purpose:

To ensure that the College's behavioural expectations, as expressed in Our Way for students is promoted and responding to behaviour is consistent, fair, and equitable.

Guidelines:

1. The behavioural expectations of students are described in Our Way Behaviours that contravene Our Way are identified in the description of unacceptable behaviours. These are detailed in the Enrolment Information Handbook, Parent Guardian Handbook (refer Section 5) and BDSC Staff Notebook (see Student-Related Procedures, Unacceptable Behaviour).
2. The Botany Downs Secondary College behaviour management procedures are also detailed in the Enrolment Information Handbook, Parent Guardian Handbook (refer Section 5) and BDSC Staff Notebook (see Student-Related Procedures, Unacceptable Behaviour).
3. On enrolment, students and parent/guardian(s) agree by signature that they will abide by and uphold Our Way behavioural expectations.
4. Students will be explicitly instructed in the expectations for positive behaviour, and these will be encouraging reinforced, and acknowledged.
5. There will be a structured plan to respond to behaviours that contravene Our Way. These responses will be based on the foundation principles of responding in a manner that discourages unwanted behaviours and encourage positive behaviours. Responses will be commensurate with the behaviour: 'minor,' 'major' and 'serious' behaviours.
6. Students that demonstrate behaviours that are 'serious' may be referred to the Board of Trustees Disciplinary Committee. Such referrals will be conducted in accordance with the Ministry of Education Guidelines for stand-downs, suspensions, exclusions, and expulsions.

In extra ordinary circumstances if there is a situation where an onsite face-to-face disciplinary meeting is not able to take place, for example due to a pandemic, virtual disciplinary meetings may be held as an alternative.

7. The College Search and Seizure Procedures will comply with Ministry of Education Guidelines.
8. Procedures that relate to this Policy may be reviewed more frequently than the policy in order to ensure they continue to meet the guidelines. Any such revisions will be communicated via the documents described in Guideline 1.

Other Relevant Documentation:

- BDSC Our Way and Unacceptable Behaviours.
- BDSC Our Way Responding to Behaviours matrix / flowsheet.
- Parent Guardian Handbook.
- Enrolment Information Handbook.
- Enrolment Agreement.
- [BDSC Procedures for the Surrender and Retention of Property and Searches.](#)
- Ministry of Education Guidelines stand-downs, suspensions, exclusions, and expulsions.
- [Legal options](#) and [Good practice.](#)
- [Ministry of Education Guidelines Surrender and retention of property and searches.](#)

Review schedule: Within 3 years.

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