



GOOD STANDING POLICY



Taking a stand against anti-social behaviour is the shared responsibility of students, parents and carers, schools and local communities.

1.0 PURPOSE

Good Standing acknowledges and rewards the majority of students who consistently demonstrate the expected behaviours that contribute to the creation of our positive school environment. In developing young adults, loss of Good Standing assists students to learn through experience that their behaviour choices create their rewards and consequences.

2.0 POLICY APPLICATION

This policy applies to all students enrolled at Mount Lawley Senior High School.

3.0 POLICY

All students commence their enrolment/school year at Mount Lawley Senior High School with Good Standing.

Students retain their Good Standing by consistently demonstrating the school's expected behaviours. These include, but are not limited to:

- Behaviour – treating people and property with respect and abiding by school policies
- Participation – participating in course curriculum and assessment requirements
- Uniform – adhering to all aspects of the school uniform code as outlined in the school diary
- Attendance - being punctual to timetabled classes and scheduled activities
- Mobile phone usage – having their mobile phone or other electronic devices off and away and not being used at school unless under the direction of a staff member

Activities that are additional to course curriculum and assessment requirements are considered a privilege and are therefore only accessible to students with Good Standing. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- * social events such as a disco, river cruise or school ball
- * excursions that are not required for curriculum purposes
- * representing the school in an external activity
- * intrastate, interstate and international tours
- * leavers activities and Year 12 Awards Ceremony
- * camps
- * carnivals
- * expos
- * reward activities
- * school leadership roles.

4.0 PROCEDURES

An authorised staff member refers to the Student Services Coordinator, a member of the Executive Team or member of staff with delegated authority by an Associate Principal or Principal.

4.1 Loss of Good Standing

Students lose their Good Standing for a period of ten (10) school weeks in the event of:

- a) A serious one-off incident that results in suspension
In the event a student is suspended from school, the student will automatically lose their Good Standing
- b) A one-off incident that does not result in suspension but is still considered serious
In the event of a serious one-off incident where the student is not suspended the student may lose their Good Standing. This will be determined by the staff member dealing with the matter and is dependent upon the nature of the incident.
- c) Ongoing non-compliance
In the event a student exhibits ongoing non-compliance the student will lose their Good Standing.

Ongoing non-compliance includes, but is not limited to:

- Behaviour - Despite a range of strategies and supports, a student demonstrates an ongoing lack of respect for people and/or property and/or school policies
- Participation - Despite a range of strategies and supports, a student regularly refuses to participate in course curriculum and/or assessment requirements.
- Uniform - Despite a range of strategies and supports, a student regularly refuses to adhere to the school uniform code as outlined in the school diary.

- Attendance - Despite a range of strategies and supports, a student establishes a pattern of truancy or unexplained absences.
- Mobile phone usage – Despite having their mobile phone confiscated at least twice previously, the student continues to use their mobile phone on school grounds contrary to the government requirement “off and away all day” from the time of entering school grounds until leaving school grounds at the end of the school day.

4.2 Implementation of loss of Good Standing

Good Standing can be removed by any authorised staff member.

- a) Suspension - Loss of Good Standing, the date of reinstatement and how to appeal loss of Good Standing, will be communicated to the student’s parent/carer in the emailed letter notifying them of the suspension.
- b) Serious incident but no suspension - Loss of Good Standing, the date of reinstatement and how to appeal loss of Good Standing, will be communicated to the student’s parent/carer in the emailed letter notifying them of the suspension.
- c) Ongoing non-compliance
Upon teacher referral, the authorised staff member will issue a warning regarding loss of Good Standing to a student who has established a pattern of non-compliance. Parents/carers will be notified of the warning by phone call , letter/email or a face to face meeting and this notification will be recorded in SEQTA.

In the event the student does not improve the behaviour, the authorised staff member will meet with the student to remove their Good Standing and outline the loss of privileges the student will incur through loss of Good Standing for the period of ten school weeks effective from the meeting date.

Loss of Good Standing, the date of reinstatement and how to appeal loss of Good Standing, will be communicated to the student’s parent/carer in an emailed letter.

4.3 Recording of Loss of Good Standing

An individual student’s loss of Good Standing is communicated to staff through SEQTA.

All staff coordinating an activity considered to be a privilege and additional to course curriculum and assessment requirements, are expected to implement Good Standing with the approval of their line manager.

All correspondence seeking parent permission from parent/carers for student participation in an activity will make clear to students and parents/carers whether student participation in the activity is subject to Good Standing.

When an activity is subject to Good Standing and takes place during the school day, the coordinator of the activity will make provision through the Year Leader or Program Coordinator for students who have lost Good Standing to undertake an alternate educative activity, supervised on the school site.

4.4 Appeal to loss of Good Standing

An appeal to loss of Good Standing can be made in writing to the Student Services Coordinator within three school days from the date of the emailed letter notification to parents/carers. The appeal may be considered by a review panel and the Student Services Coordinator will notify the parent/carer of the outcome.

4.5 Reinstatement of Good Standing

Good Standing is reinstated on the first day following the expiration date that was communicated to the student and parent/carer in the loss of Good Standing letter. An individual student’s reinstatement of Good Standing is communicated to staff through SEQTA.

NOTE The Principal always has the authority to intervene in any aspect of this policy on a case by case situation