



White Gum Valley Primary School

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GOOD STANDING POLICY

Background

A directive addressed to all schools was put in place by the Director General in 2019. It requires schools to implement a Good Standing Policy to align to their School Behaviour Plan.

The behaviours, which are not acceptable include but are not limited to;

- Starting a fight
- Making physical contact with intention to harm a staff member or student
- Videoing or publishing fights on social media.

A restorative and educative process is integral to re-establishing positive behaviour.

Communication with parents/carers to highlight the issues that lead to loss of good standing is integral to this shared approach.

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At White Gum Valley Primary School, the **Good Standing** Policy supports our values of Taking Pride by acknowledging and rewarding exemplary behaviour as well as students meeting our Behaviour Expectations of Being Respectful, Organised and Safe.

The Good Standing Policy emphasises the importance of taking responsibility for negative choices students may make which ultimately affects their own learning and the learning of others.

Good Standing is a status all White Gum Valley Primary School students are granted at the start of the year.

Students with **Good Standing** are eligible to participate in extra curricula activities such as whole school rewards, excursions, incursions, inter school sporting events and Year 6 Graduation events.

It is the responsibility of each student to maintain their Good Standing.

To maintain **Good Standing**, students must:

- Comply with all school rules in any classroom and playground
- Follow instructions given by any staff member
- Maintain appropriate behaviour for any relief staff.

Rewards for positive behaviours

White Gum Valley Primary School's Good Standing policy is intended to encourage students to strive for positive behaviour. We reward positive behaviour choices through;

- Individual rewards
- Faction Tokens
- Group rewards
- Class rewards
- Whole school rewards
- Individual certificates

A student's **Good Standing** status **may** be withdrawn following consultation with the administration and the class teacher for the following reasons:

- Any incident resulting in suspension or withdrawal
- Continual negative behaviours despite receiving appropriate supports
- At the discretion of the Principal.

Regaining Good Standing

Following the loss of their 'Good Standing', a meeting will take place between the teacher and/or school administration, the student and their parent/carer. Strategies, goals and support for the reinstatement of a good standing status will be discussed and documented. With the achievement of the goals within a set timeframe, 'Good Standing' will be reinstated.

This Policy was agreed to by the School Board 13.08.2020