



## Good Standing Policy

### Rationale

In early 2019, a directive was published by the Minister for Education on school violence, '[Let's Make a Stand Together](#)'. This required public schools take action with students who fight, photograph or video any violent actions and/or share them with any media or social media platforms. All public schools are also required to suspend/exclude students who fight or make intentional physical contact with other students or staff or disrupt the good order that is expected in public schools.

The development of a Good Standing Policy is a mandatory requirement for all public schools in response to the increasing incidents of violence in schools. This policy adheres to the Department of Education (WA) 2019 directive issued under section 232 of the School Education Act 1999 by the Director General.

### Policy

At West Leederville Primary School we believe learning is enhanced in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative, safe and caring environment. Good Standing emphasises the importance of taking responsibility for negative choices students may make and which may ultimately have an effect on their safety and/or learning and the safety and/or learning of others. Good Standing supports and works in conjunction with the [WLPS Behaviour Management Policy](#).

#### **Good Standing is issued at WLPS:**

- As a student enters the school and
- at the commencement of each school year.

#### **To maintain Good Standing at WLPS, students must:**

- Follow the WLPS Behaviour Management Policy
- Not be involved in any major behaviour breaches including but not limited to:
  - Verbal abuse of other students
  - Verbal abuse of staff
  - Threatening other students
  - Threatening staff
  - Intimidating other students
  - Intimidating staff
- E-breaches (technology misuse)
  - Inappropriate searches (explicit nature)
  - Logging into social media accounts
  - Making inappropriate E- texts (explicit nature)
  - Sharing inappropriate searches, material, E-texts with other students
  - Cyberbullying at school (as stated in Code of Conduct)
- Fighting (automatic suspension)
- Damage to property



- Physical abuse of other students (automatic suspension)
- Physical abuse of staff (automatic suspension).

**Students will lose Good Standing for:**

- Any breach of the above; or
- For three withdrawals to Buddy Class
- For three office withdrawals
- For one suspension.

**Regaining Good Standing:**

- Students will regain their Good Standing after negotiation with Administration, on a case-by-case basis.

**Parent Contact Regarding Good Standing:**

- All parents/guardians will be informed about Good Standing at the initial parent-teacher meeting in February
- This policy is available to all parents/guardians, at all times, via the WLPS website
- Students who lose their Good Standing will have their parents/guardians contacted to discuss their loss, how the student will regain it, and what specifically their child will miss out on as a result
- When a student regains their Good Standing, their parents/guardians will be notified.

**Students with Good Standing will be eligible for the following whole school rewards:**

- WLPS merit certificates
- Classroom-based rewards
- Participation in interschool events or school-based faction/sports events
- Graduation events
- Year 6 only - being a student councillor, having a leadership position or graduation events
- Represent WLPS in any activities
- Social based activities: disco, camp, school-based social incursions/excursions.

The WLPS Good Standing Policy is provided to maintain consistency in our decision-making processes. It is important to note that these are guidelines and if there are extenuating circumstances that have resulted in the negative behaviours or there is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous negative behaviour then, these factors will be considered. Any decision to withdraw or maintain Good Standing will be at the discretion of the Principal.

As a part of the West Leederville Primary School Behaviour Management Policy, Good Standing was endorsed by the West Leederville Primary School Board on