



GOOD STANDING POLICY 2019

**Better Teaching
Better Learning
Better Achievement For All**

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Side by Side, Beneath the Southern Cross, We Strive and Achieve

GOOD STANDING

We want all students to feel connected to the school and have a sense of pride in their relationships and achievements. Having adopted the acronym SOAR in 2018, we use it to teach important key values. Safe - Organised – Active (Learning) – Relationships. By acknowledging and rewarding exemplary behaviour, consistently good attendance, organisation (including standards of uniform) and the forming and maintaining of positive and supportive relationships, our expectations are positively reinforced. Our *Positive Behaviour Support* lessons explicitly teach the expected behaviours which underpin our schoolwide values. Good standing is a status which is held by all students. That is, all students are considered as being of good standing at the commencement of each year.

We believe that every student has the right to learn in a safe and supportive environment, without disruptions or any negative impact upon their sense of wellbeing and belonging. The Good Standing Policy provides students with the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions and choices and the impact that these have on others. This policy works with the Supporting Student Behaviour Policy and the Department of Education's Keeping Our Workplace Safe initiative. It provides the majority of our students who consistently behave and act according to our policies with regular acknowledgement and recognition.

To maintain good standing we encourage students to strive to:

- uphold the Bullsbrook College *Student Rights and Responsibilities* and *SOAR* Values
- maintain attendance above 90%
- follow the Uniform Policy

Loss of good standing occurs after a suspension from school or after a series of behaviours that contravene the school's student behaviour policy. If a student is suspended for any reason, he/she will lose good standing for a period of 2 - 10 weeks at the discretion of the principal after consideration of the advice of the key staff involved in investigating the matter. Staff work closely with students to help them regain/maintain their good standing. To have their good standing status reinstated, a student must complete these weeks with no further negative behaviours recorded.

THE GOOD STANDING SYSTEM

Across all years, a student chooses to have their good standing status:

At risk

- If he/she receives FOUR major behaviour referrals

Removed

- If he/she is withdrawn or suspended
- Starts a fight or incites other students to commit an act of physical aggression
- Makes physical contact with the intention to harm another student
- Uses a phone to intimidate or film other students

NOTE:

1. When major behaviour slips are issued and parents are contacted the good standing process will be discussed.
2. Students who have their good standing status withdrawn are excluded from extracurricular and reward activities including functions held outside of school hours such as the School Ball.
3. Students may be suspended from school as part of the Behaviour Management Policy if they breach expectations of certain required behaviours at school.
4. Rewarding students who maintain their good standing will happen each term.