

Rationale

The school community of Winthrop Primary School believes that the students, staff and parents have the right to work together in a safe and caring environment, showing courtesy, cooperation and consideration towards others.

Aims

The policy aims to:

- create a positive environment where children respect the rights of others, including:
 - the rights of other children to learn
 - the rights of the teacher to teach
- empower children to own and accept the responsibility for their behaviour
- encourage students to learn from their behaviour
- establish clear guidelines that protect the rights of all individuals, where the procedures, consequences and rewards are clearly defined and known by the school community
- establish procedures to communicate information with the school community.

School Rules

Students will:

1. Behave in a sensible, responsible and safe manner.
2. Respect the property of the school and others.
3. Treat others with care, consideration and respect.
4. Keep our school environment neat and tidy.

Incentives

A. Whole School:

- Faction Points
- Assembly Prizes
- End of Year Rewards
- Merit Certificates

B. Classroom:

- Faction Points
- Various Class Incentives
 - eg Tokens*
 - Stickers*
 - Special Responsibilities*

School Procedures

- Children should consider the safety of themselves and others when playing.
- No School Hat, No Play.
- Children can play in appropriate areas.
*Out of bounds areas include:
near road verges, roof, steps, rocks behind classrooms, walls, fences, embankment around oval, garden beds, under demountables, area between administration and specialist building, front of school, car parks and driveways.*
- Children are to walk along verandas and steps.
- Children must be supervised when retrieving play equipment from out of bounds areas.
- Fixed play equipment may only be used at recess and lunch breaks with duty teacher supervision.
- Children should arrive at school after 8.30am and prepare for class.
- Before school handball games restricted to marked courts outside undercover area.
- At recess and lunch children eat outside their blocks in designated areas.
- Children must be seated while eating.
- All food scraps and rubbish to be put in bins.
- Children are not allowed in classrooms without teacher supervision.

Consequences for Misdemeanours

A. Whole School:

Any one or a combination of the following consequences may be invoked. The choice of consequence depends on the severity and circumstance of the misdemeanour. It is always fair to give a verbal warning for a first misdemeanour. It is also fair to give children the right of reply.

Stages:

1. Reminder of rule
2. Verbal Warning
3. Reprimand
4. Name recorded in Duty File - follow up by Administration
5. "Sit and Think" - within duty area, for time specified by duty teacher
6. "Be My Shadow" - student walks with duty teacher during part of recess
7. In case of serious misdemeanour, Administration notified for follow-up
8. Parents contacted by Administration

Note: In case of emergency, RED CARD sent to office for urgent assistance.

B. Classroom:

In normal circumstances, follow each procedure. In situations of physical danger, acceleration of procedures would be necessary.

Stages:

1. Rule reminder, then praise for subsequent behaviour improvement
2. Warning - issue clear verbal warning for student to change behaviour
3. Reprimand - sternly admonish student for his/her choice of behaviour
4. Reflection Sheet: Student to complete in classroom - teacher retain for future reference
5. Withdrawal from classroom: Student sent to office
6. Half day withdrawal - Student placed in another classroom; parents notified by Administration
7. Suspension, in line with Departmental Policy:

Letter to parents notifying of intention to suspend student.

In extreme cases, where student is a danger to self or others, suspension may be immediately invoked. Parents and students will be given right of appeal, in the first instance through the school, and subsequently through District Office

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Policy for Behaviour Management

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