



# 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 Cooinda Primary School (CPS) children proudly learn in a safe and happy environment. They are all seen as individuals coming together to form a school community with a strong foundation to become positive and productive members of society. We believe learning is enhanced in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative, safe and caring environment. Good Standing emphasises the importance of taking responsibility for choices students may make, which may ultimately have an impact on their safety and/or learning, and the safety and/or learning of others. Good Standing supports and works in conjunction with the CPS Behaviour Management Policy.

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

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

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

- Follow the 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
- Damage to property
- Physical abuse of other students
- Physical abuse of staff

### **Regaining Good Standing:**

- Students will regain their Good Standing after negotiation with the Principal, on a case by-case basis. This can be achieved by positively managing conflicts, showing respect displaying the school's values, demonstrating good citizenship at Cooinda and acting within the schools Success Matrix.

### **Parent Contact Regarding Good Standing:**

- All parents/guardians will be informed about Good Standing Policy.
- This policy is available to all parents/guardians, at all times, via the CPS website.
- Students who lose their Good Standing will have their parents/guardians contacted to discuss their loss, how the student can regain it, and what specifically their child will not participate in 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:**

- CPS merit certificates
- Classroom-based rewards
- Participation in interschool events or school-based faction/sports events
- Excursions and Incursions
- Year 6 only - being a student councillor, having a leadership position or graduation events
- Represent CPS in any activities
- Social based activities such as disco, incursions and excursions.

Although this policy applies to all students at Cooinda Primary School, it is not overtly discussed until the students are in upper primary. Students in Yr 4-6 will receive a physical card which will be displayed on a board in the Deputy Principals office. Maintaining this card allows students to participate in a variety of activities that are considered supplementary to the core curriculum. For example; school discos, interschool sports carnivals, excursions, incursions and any other activities the Principal deems as supplementary.

Students in Year 4-6 maintain their Good Standing when they demonstrate positive behaviours. Any students who lose Good Standing will have their card removed. Where possible, students are given opportunity and support to make appropriate choices before loss of Good Standing. Students work towards having Good Standing reinstated by demonstrating some of the positive behaviours as outlined above.

The CPS 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 unacceptable 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 Cooinda Primary School Behaviour Management Policy, Good Standing was endorsed by the Cooinda Primary School Board on 9 May 2023.