

## GOOD STANDING GUIDELINES

### 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.*

### Guidelines

At Narrogin 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 actions students may make and which may ultimately influence their safety and/or learning and the safety and/or learning of others.

Good Standing supports and works in conjunction with the NPS Behaviour Management Guidelines. Our Good Standing Guidelines support our STARR value expectations of:

- Safety
- Tolerance
- Academic Excellence
- Respect
- Responsibility

Good Standing aims to provide acknowledgement of students taking responsibility for the actions they make daily, which impact academically and socially on themselves and others.

It is issued at NPS:

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

### To maintain Good Standing at NPS, students must:

Follow the NPS Behaviour Management Guidelines

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)

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**Students will lose good standing for:**

- Any breach of the above; or
- For three detentions
- For three office withdrawals
- For one suspension

Student Councillors or Faction Captains will have their leadership role and badge revoked for the duration of a loss of good standing period.

**Regaining Good Standing:**

Students will regain their Good Standing after completing of the re-entry and restorative process up to a 10-day period. NPS will implement approaches to support the student that focus on:

- rebuilding and repairing the relationships
- supporting the student to reflect on their actions and to consider perspectives of others
- identifying any unmet needs and providing behaviour support to reduce a recurrence of the behaviours of concern
- providing a clear and achievable pathway for the student to regain good standing.

**Parent/Carer Contact Regarding Good Standing:**

- All parents/guardians will be informed about Good Standing at the initial parent-teacher meeting at the commencement of a school year.
- These guidelines are available to all parents/guardians, always, via the NPS 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:

- STARR cards
- STARR merit certificates
- 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 NPS in any activities such as sporting events, formal occasions.
- Social based activities: disco, camp, school-based social incursions/excursions.

The NPS Good Standing Guidelines are 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 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.

**Appendices/Links**

Standing together against violence: Minister's statement on how families can help keep schools safe.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/dl/ergimo3>. See Appendix ### for the Good Standing Restoration Plan Documentation.