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1. Purpose

Surfers Paradise State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

This Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

2. Consultation and data review

Surfers Paradise State School developed this plan in collaboration with our school community. Broad consultation with parents, staff and students was undertaken through survey distribution and community meetings held during early 2015. A review of school data sets from 2011-2014 also informed the development process.

The Plan was endorsed by the Principal and the President of the P&C.

3. Learning and behaviour statement

All areas of Surfers Paradise State School are learning and teaching environments. We consider behaviour management to be an opportunity for valuable social learning as well as a means of maximising the success of academic education programs. Our school-wide framework for managing behaviour is Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan, shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting Surfers Paradise State School to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment, where ALL school community members have clear and consistent expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- I am a learner
- I am respectful
- I am safe

Our school rules have been agreed upon and endorsed by all staff and our school P&C. They are aligned with the values, principles and expected standards outlined in Education Queensland's Code of School Behaviour.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is committed to ensuring that every day, in every lesson, every student in state schooling is learning and achieving within a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment. Surfers Paradise State School promotes a positive and inclusive school community that affirms the rights of all members of the school community to feel safe and be safe at school. Surfers Paradise State School recognises the reciprocal relationship between academic success and social behaviour.

4. Processes for facilitating standards of positive behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviour

School-wide Positive Behaviour

The first step in facilitating standards of positive behaviour is communicating those standards to all students. At Surfers Paradise State School we emphasise the importance of directly teaching students the behaviours we want them to demonstrate at school. Communicating behavioural expectations is a form of universal behaviour support - a strategy directed towards all students which is designed to prevent problem behaviour and to provide a framework for responding to unacceptable behaviour.

A set of behavioural expectations in specific settings has been attached to each of our three school rules. The Schoolwide Expectations Teaching Matrix below outlines our agreed rules and specific behavioural expectations in all school settings.

SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS TEACHING MATRIX							
	ALL AREAS	CLASSROOM	ONLINE	PLAYGROUND	STAIRWELL	TOILETS	BUS LINES/BIKE RACKS
I AM SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use equipment appropriately Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Sit still Enter and exit room in an orderly manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in use of approved online sites and educational games Be courteous and polite in all online communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in school approved games Wear shoes and socks at all times Be sun safe; wear a broad brimmed hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rails are for hands Walk one step at a time Carry items Keep passage ways clear at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect privacy of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use own bike/scooter only Wait inside the gate until the bus stops
I AM A LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask permission to leave the classroom Be on time Be in the right place at the right time Follow instructions straight away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared Complete set tasks Take an active role in classroom activities Keep work space tidy Be honest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any unacceptable behaviour to a teacher Post only appropriate content online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a problem solver Return equipment to appropriate place at the sports bell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move peacefully in single file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use toilets during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk bike/scooter in school grounds Have your name marked on the bus roll Leave school promptly
I AM RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' personal space and property Care for equipment Clean up after yourself Use polite language Wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise your hand to speak Respect others' right to learn Talk in turns Be a good listener 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' right to use online resources free from interference or bullying Keep any usernames or passwords private Follow all teacher instructions about keeping private information off online sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play fairly – take turns, invite others to join in and follow rules Care for the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk quietly and in an orderly way so that others are not disturbed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands after using the toilet and before eating food Walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait your turn Keep your belongings nearby Have your bus pass ready

These expectations are communicated to students via a number of strategies, including:

- Weekly behaviour lessons conducted by classroom teachers;
- Reinforcement of learning from behaviour lessons at School Assemblies and during active supervision by staff during classroom and non-classroom activities.

Surfers Paradise State School implements the following proactive and preventative processes and strategies to support student behaviour:

- A dedicated section of the school newsletter, enabling parents to be actively and positively involved in school behaviour expectations.
- School Behaviour Leadership team members' regular provision of information to staff and parents, and support to others in sharing successful practices.
- Comprehensive induction programs in the Surfers Paradise State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students delivered to new students as well as new and relief staff.
- Individual support profiles developed for students with high behavioural needs, enabling staff to make the necessary adjustments to support these students consistently across all classroom and non-classroom settings.

Specific policies have been developed to address:

- The Use of Personal Technology Devices at School (Appendix 1);
- Procedures for Preventing and Responding to Incidents of Bullying (Appendix 2); and
- Appropriate Use of Social Media (Appendix 3).

Reinforcing expected school behaviour

At Surfers Paradise State School, communication of our key messages about behaviour is backed up through reinforcement, which provides students with feedback for engaging in expected school behaviour. A formal recognition and monitoring system has been developed. This reinforcement system is designed to increase the quantity and quality of positive interactions between students and staff. All staff members are trained to give consistent and appropriate acknowledgement and rewards.

Go For Gold

The Go For Gold program is our school's overarching positive behaviour reward strategy. Each week, students who have consistently followed school and classroom rules are issued with a stamp on their Go For Gold chart. Once earned, stamps are never taken off students as a consequence for problem behaviour. Teachers review the charts at the end of term and students who have not missed a weekly stamp receive a Bronze Award in the first round. Students who miss out in the first round can still earn their Bronze Award in subsequent rounds. This process repeats throughout the year with the presentation of Silver and Gold Awards. Those students who manage to achieve a Gold Award by the end of the year receive a special gold pin that can be worn on their uniform shirt.

Star Achievers

Star Achiever Awards are presented on each week whole-school assemblies to celebrate students who have demonstrated outstanding work or behaviour. Teachers identify one student in their class as Star Achiever of the week. This could be for a variety of positive behaviours e.g. following school rules in both classroom and non-classroom areas, producing work of a very high standard in a particular subject area, demonstrating excellent manners or community spirit etc. This positive reinforcement continues with Star Achievers being displayed in the office throughout the week and a certificate is given to the recipient.

Responding to unacceptable behaviour

1. Re-directing low-level and infrequent problem behaviour

When a student exhibits low-level and infrequent problem behaviour, the first response of school staff members is to remind the student of expected school behaviour, then ask them to change their behaviour so that it aligns with our school's expectations.

Our preferred way of re-directing low-level problem behaviour is to ask them to think of how they might be able to act more safely, more respectfully or more responsibly. This encourages students to reflect on their own behaviour, evaluate it against expected school behaviour, and plan how their behaviour could be modified so as to align with the expectations of our school community.

2. Targeted behaviour support: Individual Behaviour Plans

Each year a small number of students at Surfers Paradise State School are identified through our data as needing a little bit extra in the way of targeted behavioural support. In most cases, the problem behaviours of these students may not be immediately regarded as severe, but the frequency of their behaviours may put these students' learning and social success at risk if not addressed in a timely manner.

Students on Individual Behaviour Plans attend their normal scheduled classes and activities with appropriate adjustments if required. However, they have increased daily opportunities to receive positive contact with adults, additional support from check-in/check-out coaches and increased opportunities to receive positive reinforcement. Where required, adjustments are made through academic support, adult mentoring or intensive social skills training.

Behaviour Plans are coordinated by a school-based team with active administrator support and staff involvement. All staff members are provided with continuous professional development consisting of an overview of the program, the referral and response process, and the reporting responsibilities of staff and of the students being supported.

Students whose behaviour does not improve after a period of time on an Individual Behaviour Plan, or whose previous behaviour indicates a need for specialised intervention, are provided with intensive behaviour support.

3. Intensive behaviour support: Behaviour Support Team

Surfers Paradise State School is committed to educating all students, including those with the highest behavioural support needs. We recognise that students with highly complex and challenging behaviours need comprehensive systems of support. The Intensive Behaviour Support Team:

- facilitates a Functional Behaviour Assessment for appropriate students;
- works with other staff members to develop appropriate behaviour support strategies;
- monitors the impact of support for individual students through ongoing data collection;
- makes adjustments as required for the student; and
- works with the School Behaviour Leadership Team to achieve continuity and consistency.

The Intensive Behaviour Support Team has a simple and quick referral system in place. Following referral, a team member contacts parents and any relevant staff members to form a support team and begin the assessment and support process. In many cases the support team also includes individuals from other agencies already working with the student and their family, a representative from the school's administration and regional behavioural support staff.

5. Consequences for unacceptable behaviour

Surfers Paradise State School makes systematic efforts to prevent problem student behaviour by teaching and reinforcing expected behaviours on an ongoing basis. When unacceptable behaviour occurs, students experience predictable consequences. Our school seeks to ensure that responses to unacceptable behaviour are consistent and proportionate to the nature of the behaviour. An office referral form (Appendix 3) is used to record all minor and major problem behaviour. The recording of three minor behaviours constitutes a major behaviour.

The Think Tank

Think Tank is a supportive, supervised classroom environment in which students can reflect on their behaviour. Students who are referred to the Think Tank as a consequence for their actions work with a dedicated teacher to identify and reflect upon their behaviour choices. Learning experiences undertaken in the Think Tank could range from writing a letter of apology or completing a reflection activity to small group discussions and social skill development activities, depending on the individual circumstances. The Think Tank is open every day at break time.

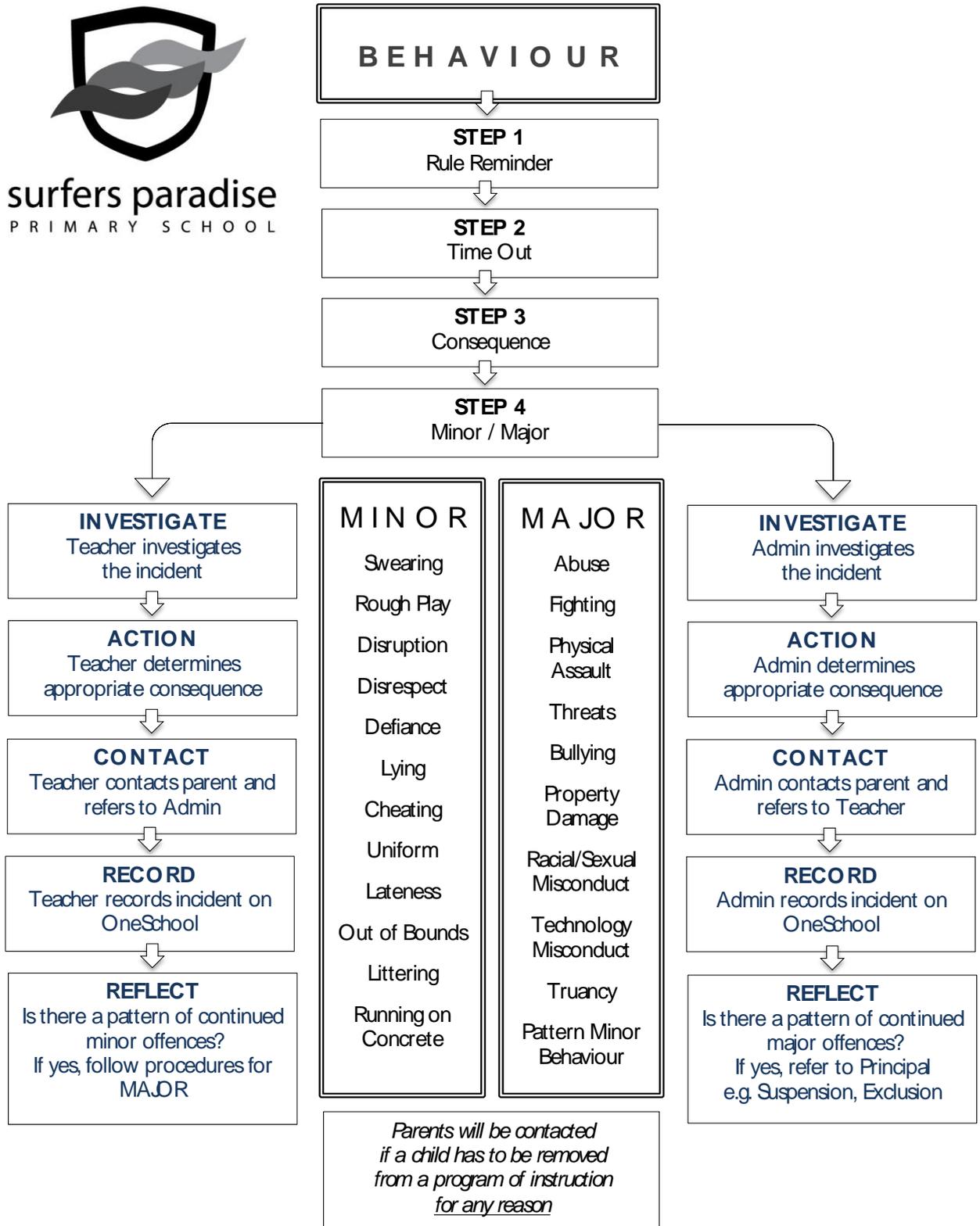
Minor and Major Behaviours

When responding to problem behaviour, the staff member first determines if the problem behaviour is major or minor, with the following agreed understanding:

- Minor problem behaviour is handled by staff members at the time it happens.
- Major problem behaviour is referred directly to the school Administration team.



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Please refer to our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for full list and explanations of these behaviours.

Minor behaviours are those that:

- are minor breeches of the school rules;
- do not seriously harm others or cause you to suspect that the student may be harmed;
- do not violate the rights of others in any other serious way;
- are not part of a pattern of problem behaviours; and
- do not require involvement of specialist support staff or Administration.

Minor problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- a minor consequence that is logically connected to the problem behaviour, such as complete removal from an activity or event for a specified period of time, partial removal (time out), individual meeting with the student, apology, restitution or detention for work completion.
- a re-direction procedure. The staff member takes the student aside and:
 1. names the behaviour that the student is displaying;
 2. asks the student to name expected school behaviour;
 3. states and explains expected school behaviour if necessary; and
 4. gives positive verbal acknowledgement for expected school behaviour.

Major behaviours are those that:

- significantly violate the rights of others;
- put others / self at risk of harm; and
- require the involvement of school Administration.

Major behaviours result in an immediate referral to Administration because of their seriousness. When major problem behaviour occurs, staff members calmly state the major problem behaviour to the student and remind them of the expected school behaviour. The staff member then completes the office referral form and escorts the student to Administration.

Major problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- Level One: Parent contact, Time in office, removal to withdrawal room, alternate lunchtime activities, loss of privilege, restitution, loss of break times, warning regarding future consequence for repeated offence, referral to the Think Tank;
- Level Two: Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to Intensive Behaviour Support Team, suspension from school: and/or
- Level Three: Students who engage in very serious problem behaviours such as major violent physical assault, or the use or supply of weapons or drugs can expect to be recommended for exclusion from school following an immediate period of suspension.

The following table outlines examples of minor and major problem behaviours:

	Area	Minor	Major
I am Safe	Movement around school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running on concrete or around buildings • Running in stairwells • Not riding bike/scooter/skateboard in school grounds 	
	Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect use of any school/class equipment • Not playing school approved games • Playing in toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throwing objects • Possession of weapons
	Physical contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor physical contact (for example, pushing and shoving) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious physical aggression • Fighting
	Correct Attire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not wearing a hat in playground • Not wearing shoes outside 	
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession or selling of drugs • Weapons including knives and any other items which could be considered a weapon being taken to school • Serious, or continued, inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school
I am a Learner	Class tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not completing set tasks that are at an appropriate level • Refusing to work 	
	Being in the right place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not being punctual (eg: lateness after breaks) • Not in the right place at the right time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving class without permission (out of sight) • Leaving school without permission
	Follow instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low intensity failure to respond to adult request • Non compliance • Unco-operative behaviour 	

	Accept outcomes for behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor dishonesty (lying about involvement in a low-level incident) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major dishonesty that has a negative impact on others
	Mobile Phone or personal technology devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile phone switched on in any part of the school at any time without authorisation (written permission from an authorised staff member) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of a mobile phone in any part of the school for voicemail, email, text messaging or filming purposes without authorisation Inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school
	Language (including while online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inappropriate language (written/verbal) Calling out Poor attitude Disrespectful tone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offensive language Aggressive / threatening language Verbal abuse / directed profanity
I am Respectful	Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Petty theft Lack of care for the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stealing / major theft Wilful property damage Vandalism
	Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not playing fairly Minor disruption to class Minor defiance Minor bullying / victimisation/ harassment Inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school Littering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major bullying / victimisation /harassment Major disruption to class Blatant disrespect Major defiance Serious, or continued, inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school

Relate problem behaviours to expected school behaviours

When responding to problem behaviours, staff members ensure that students understand the relationship of the problem behaviour to expected school behaviour. One method that staff members might use to achieve this is to have students:

- articulate the relevant expected school behaviour;
- explain how their behaviour differs from expected school behaviour;
- describe the likely consequences if the problem behaviour continues; and
- identify what they will do to change their behaviour in line with expected school behaviour.

Should a problem behaviour be repeated, the staff member may not repeat the discussion/explanation process but simply remind the student of the consequences of their problem behaviour.

Ensuring consistent responses to problem behaviour

At Surfers Paradise State School, staff members authorised to issue consequences for problem behaviour are provided with appropriate professional development and/or training. Through training activities, we work to ensure consistent responses to problem behaviour across the school.

Students also receive training in how to respond appropriately when other students display problem behaviour, and the courteous way to respond when a staff member re-directs their behaviour or consequences are applied for problem behaviour.

6. Emergency or critical incident responses

It is important that all staff have a consistent understanding of how to respond to emergency situations or critical incidents involving severe problem behaviour. This consistency ensures that appropriate actions are taken to ensure that both students and staff are kept safe.

An emergency situation or critical incident is defined as an occurrence that is sudden, urgent, and usually unexpected, or an occasion requiring immediate action.

Severe problem behaviour is defined as behaviour of such intensity, frequency, or duration that the physical safety of the student or others is likely to be placed in serious jeopardy.

Basic defusing strategies

1. Avoid escalating the problem behaviour: Avoid shouting, cornering the student, moving into the student's space, touching or grabbing the student, sudden responses, sarcasm, becoming defensive, communicating anger and frustration through body language.
2. Maintain calmness, respect and detachment: Model the behaviour you want students to adopt, stay calm and controlled, use a serious measured tone, choose your language carefully, avoid humiliating the student, be matter of fact and avoid responding emotionally.
3. Approach the student in a non-threatening manner: Move slowly and deliberately toward the problem situation, speak privately to the student/s where possible, speak calmly and respectfully, minimise body language, keep a reasonable distance, establish eye level position, be brief, stay with the agenda, acknowledge cooperation, withdraw if the situation escalates.
4. Follow through: If the student starts displaying the appropriate behaviour briefly acknowledge their choice and re-direct other students' attention towards their usual work/activity. If the student continues with the problem behaviour then remind them of the expected school behaviour and identify consequences of continued unacceptable behaviour.
5. Debrief: Help the student to identify the sequence of events that led to the unacceptable behaviour, pinpoint decision moments during the sequence of events, evaluate decisions made, and identify acceptable decision options for future situations.

Physical Intervention

Staff may make legitimate use of physical intervention if all non-physical interventions have been exhausted and a student is:

- physically assaulting another student or staff member; or
- posing an immediate danger to him/herself or to others.

Appropriate physical intervention may be used to ensure that Surfers Paradise State School's duty of care to protect students and staff from foreseeable risks of injury is met. The use of physical intervention is only considered appropriate where the immediate safety of others is threatened and the strategy is used to prevent injury.

Physical intervention can involve coming between students, blocking a student's path, leading a student by the hand/arm, shepherding a student by placing a hand in the centre of the upper back, removing potentially dangerous objects and, in extreme situations, using more forceful restraint.

It is important that all staff understand:

- physical intervention cannot be used as a form of punishment;
- physical intervention must not be used when a less severe response can effectively resolve the situation and the underlying function of the behaviour.

Physical intervention is not to be used as a response to:

- property destruction;
- school disruption;
- refusal to comply;
- verbal threats; and
- leaving a classroom or the school, unless student safety is clearly threatened.

Any physical intervention made must:

- be reasonable in the particular circumstances;
- be in proportion to the circumstances of the incident;
- always be the minimum force needed to achieve the desired result; and
- take into account the age, stature, disability, understanding and gender of the student.

Record keeping

Each instance involving the use of physical intervention must be formally documented. The processes can be found at <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/hr/workplace/Pages/Health-and-Safety-Incident-Recording,-Notification-and-Management.aspx> online.

7. Network of student support

Students at Surfers Paradise State School are supported through positive reinforcement and a system of universal, targeted, and intensive behaviour support by:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Support Staff
- Administration Staff
- Guidance Officer
- Student Welfare Officer
- Adopt-a-Cop
- School Based Youth Health Nurse

External support is also available through the following government and community agencies:

- Disability Services Queensland
- Child and Youth Mental Health
- Queensland Health
- Department of Communities (Child Safety Services)
- Police
- Local Council
- Neighbourhood Centre.

8. Consideration of individual circumstances

To ensure alignment with the Code of School Behaviour when applying consequences, the individual circumstances and actions of the student and the needs and rights of school community members are considered at all times.

Surfers Paradise State School considers the individual circumstances of students when applying support and consequences by:

- promoting an environment which is responsive to the diverse needs of its students
- establishing procedures for applying fair, equitable and non violent consequences for infringement of the code ranging from the least intrusive sanctions to the most stringent
- recognising and taking into account students' age, gender, disability, cultural background, socioeconomic situation and their emotional state
- recognising the rights of all students to:
 - express opinions in an appropriate manner and at the appropriate time
 - work and learn in a safe environment regardless of their age, gender, disability, cultural background or socio-economic situation, and
 - receive adjustments appropriate to their learning and/or impairment needs.

9. Related legislation

- Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Commonwealth Disability Standards for Education 2005
- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006
- Criminal Code Act 1899
- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991
- Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000
- Judicial Review Act 1991
- Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011
- Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2011
- Right to Information Act 2009
- Information Privacy (IP) Act 2009

10. Related policies and procedures

- Statement of expectations for a disciplined school environment policy
- Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment
- Inclusive Education
- Enrolment in State Primary, Secondary and Special Schools
- Student Dress Code
- Student Protection
- Hostile People on School Premises, Wilful Disturbance and Trespass
- Police and Child Safety Officer Interviews with Students, and Police Searches at State Educational Institutions
- Acceptable Use of the Department's Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Network and Systems
- Managing Electronic Identities and Identity Management
- Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Equipment by Students
- Temporary Removal of Student Property by School Staff

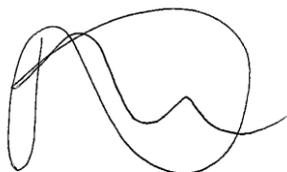
11. Some related resources

- Bullying. No Way!
- Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
- Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses

12. Endorsement

At Surfers Paradise State School we believe that essential to effective learning is a safe, supportive and disciplined environment that respects the following rights:

- The rights of all students to learn
- The rights of teachers to teach
- The rights of all to be safe
- The rights of all to be treated with respect



Principal



P&C President

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The use of personal technology devices at school

This policy reflects the importance the school places on students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using personal technology devices.

Personal Technology Devices include, but are not limited to, games devices (such as Portable gaming devices, Tamagotchis®, laptop computers, PDAs, Blackberrys®, cameras and/or voice recording devices (whether or not integrated with a mobile phone or MP3 player), mobile telephones, iPods® and devices of a similar nature.

Certain personal technology devices banned from school

Students must not bring valuable personal technology devices like cameras, digital video cameras or MP3 players to school as there is a risk of damage or theft. Such devices will be confiscated by school staff and may be collected at the end of the day from the school office. Breaches of this prohibition may result in discipline.

Confiscation

Permitted personal technology devices such as mobile phones, smart phones and tablets used contrary to this policy on school premises will be confiscated by school staff. They will be made available for collection from the school office at the end of the school day unless required to be kept for purposes of disciplinary investigation, when it will only be returned in the presence of a parent.

Devices potentially containing evidence of criminal offences may be reported to the police. In such cases police may take possession of such devices for investigation purposes and students and parents will be advised to contact Queensland Police Service (QPS) directly.

Students who have a personal technology device confiscated more than once will not be permitted to have a personal technology device at school for at least one month, or longer if deemed necessary by the Principal.

Personal technology device etiquette

Bringing personal technology devices to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them. However, if they are brought to school, they must be turned off and out of sight upon entering school grounds. Personal technology devices are not to be used by students on school property at any time without authorisation from administration.

Recording voice and images

Every member of the school community should feel confident about participating fully and frankly in all aspects of school life without concern that their personal privacy is being invaded by them being recorded without their knowledge or consent.

We uphold the value of trust and the right to privacy at Surfers Paradise State School. Students using personal technology devices to record inappropriate behaviours or incidents (such as vandalism, fighting, bullying, staged fighting or pranks etc) for the purpose of dissemination among the student body or outside the school, by any means (including distribution by phone or internet posting) builds a culture of distrust and disharmony.

Students must not record images anywhere that recording would not reasonably be considered appropriate (e.g. in change rooms, toilets or any other place where a reasonable person would expect to be afforded privacy). Recording of events in class is not permitted unless express consent is provided by the class teacher.

A student at school who uses a personal technology device to record private conversations, ordinary school activities (apart from social functions like graduation ceremonies) or violent, illegal or embarrassing matter capable of bringing the school into public disrepute is considered to be in breach of this policy.

Even where consent is obtained for such recording, the school will not tolerate images or sound captured by personal technology devices on the school premises or elsewhere being disseminated to others, if it is done for the purpose of causing embarrassment to individuals or the school, for the purpose of bullying or harassment, including racial and sexual harassment, or where without such intent a reasonable person would conclude that such outcomes may have or will occur.

Students may be subject to discipline (including suspension and recommendation for exclusion) if they breach the policy by being involved in recording and/or disseminating material (through text messaging, display, internet uploading or other means) or are knowingly the subject of such a recording.

Students should note that the recording or dissemination of images that are considered indecent (such as nudity or sexual acts involving children) are against the law and if detected by the school will result in a referral to QPS.

Text communication

The sending of text messages that contain obscene language and/or threats of violence may amount to bullying and or harassment or even stalking, and will subject the sender to discipline and possible referral to QPS. Students receiving such text messages at school should ensure they keep the message as evidence and bring the matter to the attention of the school office.

Assumption of cheating

Personal technology devices may not be taken into or used by students at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by staff. Staff will assume students in possession of such devices during exams or assessments are cheating. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student who is caught using a personal technology device to cheat during exams or assessments.

Recording private conversations and the Invasion of Privacy Act 1971

It is important that all members of the school community understand that under the Invasion of Privacy Act 1971, 'a person is guilty of an offence against this Act if the person uses a listening device to overhear, record, monitor or listen to a private conversation'. It is also an offence under this Act for a person who has overheard, recorded, monitored or listened to a conversation to which s/he is not a party to publish or communicate the substance or meaning of the conversation to others.

Students need to understand that some conversations are private and therefore to overhear, record, monitor or listen to such private conversations may be in breach of this Act, unless consent to the recording is appropriately obtained.

Special circumstances arrangement

Students who require the use of a personal technology device in circumstances that would contravene this policy (for example to assist with a medical condition or other disability or for a special project) should negotiate a special circumstances arrangement with the Deputy Principal or Principal.

School policy for preventing and responding to incidents of bullying (including cyberbullying)

Purpose

Surfers Paradise State School strives to create positive, predictable environments for all students at all times of the day. The disciplined and teaching environment that we are creating is essential to:

- achieving overall school improvement, including the effectiveness and efficiency of our student support procedures
- raising achievement and attendance
- promoting equality and diversity and
- ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of the school community.

There is no place for bullying in Surfers Paradise State School. Those who are bullied and those who bully are at risk for behavioural, emotional and academic problems. These outcomes are in direct contradiction to our school community's goals and efforts for supporting all students.

Bullying behaviours that will not be tolerated at Surfers Paradise State School include name-calling, taunting, mocking, making offensive comments, kicking, hitting, pushing, taking belongings, inappropriate text messaging, sending offensive or degrading images by phone or internet, producing offensive graffiti, gossiping, excluding people from groups, and spreading hurtful and untruthful rumours.

Bullying may be related to:

- race, religion or culture;
- disability;
- appearance or health conditions;
- sexual orientation;
- sexist or sexual language;
- children acting as carers; or
- children in care.

At Surfers Paradise State School there is broad agreement among students, staff and parents that bullying is observable and measurable behaviour. When considering whether or not bullying has occurred, we will therefore avoid speculation on the intent of the behaviour, the power of individuals involved, or the frequency of its occurrence. Whether bullying behaviour is observed between students of equal or unequal power, whether it occurs once or several times, and whether or not the persons involved cite intimidation, revenge, or self-defence as a motive, the behaviour will be responded to in similar fashion, that is, as categorically unacceptable in the school community.

Rationale

Many bullying behaviours are peer-maintained through the actions of bystanders. That is, peers react to bullying in ways that may increase the likelihood of it occurring again in the future. Reactions include joining in, laughing, or simply standing and watching, rather than intervening to help the person being bullied. Whilst our school would never encourage students to place themselves at risk, our anti-bullying procedures involve teaching the entire school a set of safe and effective responses to all problem behaviour, including bullying, in such a way that those who bully are not socially reinforced for demonstrating it.

The anti-bullying procedures at Surfers Paradise State School are an addition to our school-wide positive behaviour support processes. This means that all students are being explicitly taught the expected school behaviours and receiving high levels of social acknowledgement for doing so.

Adding lessons on bullying and how to prevent and respond to it is a subset of procedures that our students are already accustomed to.

Prevention

Attempting to address specific problem behaviours will not be successful if the general level of disruptive behaviour in all areas of our school is not kept to a low level. Therefore, our school-wide universal behaviour support practices will be maintained at all times.

This will ensure that:

- Our universal behaviour support processes will always remain the primary strategy for preventing problem behaviour, including preventing the subset of bullying behaviour
- All students know the 3 school rules and have been taught the expected behaviours attached to each rule in all areas of the school
- All students have been or are being taught the specific routines in the non-classroom areas, from exiting the classroom, conducting themselves in accordance with the school expectations in the playground and other areas, to re-entering their classrooms
- All students are receiving high levels of positive reinforcement for demonstrating expected behaviours, including those associated with following our routines, from all staff in the non-classroom areas of the school
- A high level of quality active supervision is a permanent staff routine in the non-classroom areas. This means that duty staff members are easily identifiable and are constantly moving, scanning and positively interacting as they move through the designated supervision sectors of the non-classroom areas.

The student curriculum modules of the anti-bullying process consist of lessons taught by all teachers in all classrooms to a school-wide schedule of instruction. At all times simultaneous instruction is our goal, in order to maintain consistency of skill acquisition across the school.

An initial introductory lesson is delivered, which teaches the 3-step process to be used by all students when experiencing bullying behaviour either as a person being bullied, the person bullying or bystander.

The introductory lesson is followed by several shorter lessons, each of which focuses on one of the bullying behaviours that the school has identified and defined. These lessons include instruction on how to approach adults and also on what reactions and systemic responses they should expect from adults.

Research indicates that a common outcome of anti-bullying programming is an improvement in understanding of bullying but little change in the frequency or nature of actual bullying behaviour. One of the reasons cited for this outcome is the lack of behavioural rehearsal in the programming. The anti-bullying process at Surfers Paradise State School takes care to combine knowledge with practice in a process of active learning, so that students understand by 'doing' as much as by 'knowing'.

Surfers Paradise State School records inappropriate behaviour and uses behavioural data for decision-making. This data is entered into our database on a daily basis and can be recalled as summary reports at any time. This facility allows the school to track the effectiveness of its anti-bullying process, to make any necessary adjustments, and to identify specific bullying behaviours that may need to be revisited or revised in the instructional process.

Appropriate use of social media

Surfers Paradise State School embraces the amazing opportunities that technology and the internet provide to students for learning, being creative and socialising online. Use of online communication and social media sites and applications (apps) can provide positive social development experiences through an opportunity to develop friendships and shape identities.

When used safely, social media sites and apps such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram can provide positive opportunities for social learning and development. However, inappropriate, or misguided, use can lead to negative outcomes for the user and others.

Surfers Paradise State School is committed to promoting the responsible and positive use of social media sites and apps.

No student of Surfers Paradise State School will face disciplinary action for simply having an account on Facebook or other social media site.

As is set out in the school policy for preventing and responding to incidents of bullying (including cyberbullying) found at Appendix 2, it is unacceptable for students to bully, harass or victimise another person whether within Surfers Paradise State School grounds or while online. Inappropriate online behaviours can have a negative impact on student learning and the good order and management of Surfers Paradise State School, whether those behaviours occur during or outside school hours.

This policy reflects the importance of students at Surfers Paradise State School engaging in appropriate online behaviour.

Role of social media

The majority of young people use social media sites and apps on a daily basis for school work, entertainment and to keep in contact with friends. Unfortunately, some young people misuse social media technologies and engage in cyberbullying.

Social media by its nature will result in the disclosure and sharing of personal information. By signing up for a social media account, users are providing their personal information.

Students need to remember that the internet is a free space and many social media sites and apps, like Twitter, have limited restrictions placed upon allowable content and regulated procedures for the removal of concerning posts.

Social media sites and apps are designed to share online content widely and rapidly. Once students place information and/or pictures online, they have little to no control over how that content is used.

The internet reaches a global audience. Even if students think that comments or photos have been deleted, there can be archived records of the material that will continue to be searchable into the future.

Inappropriate online behaviour has the potential to embarrass and affect students, others and the school for years to come.

Appropriate use of social media

Students of Surfers Paradise State School are expected to engage in the appropriate use of social media. Specific examples of appropriate use of social media sites and apps include:

- Ensuring that personal information, such as full name, address, phone number, school name and location or anyone else's personal information, is not shared.
- Thinking about what they want to say or post, and how it could be interpreted by others, before putting it online. Remember, once content is posted online you lose control over it. Students should not post content online that they would be uncomfortable saying or showing to their parents' face or shouting in a crowded room.
- Remembering that it can be difficult to work out whether messages typed on social media sites and apps are meant to be funny or sarcastic. Tone of voice and context is often lost which can lead to unintended consequences. If students think a message may be misinterpreted, they should be cautious and make the decision not to post it.
- Never provoking, or engaging with, another user who is displaying inappropriate or abusive behaviour. There is no need to respond to a cyberbully. Students should report cyberbullying concerns to a teacher and allow the teacher to record and deal with the online concern.

If inappropriate online behaviour impacts on the good order and management of Surfers Paradise State School, the school may impose disciplinary consequences for that behaviour regardless of whether the behaviour occurs during or outside of school hours. Disciplinary consequences could include suspension and/or exclusion. In serious cases of inappropriate online behaviour, the school may also make a report to the police for further investigation.

Surfers Paradise State School will not become involved in concerns of cyberbullying or inappropriate online behaviour where the incident in question does not impact upon the good order and management of the school. For example, where cyberbullying occurs between a student of this school and a student of another school outside school hours. Such an incident will be a matter for parents and/or police to resolve.

Laws and consequences of inappropriate online behaviour and cyberbullying

Inappropriate online behaviour may in certain circumstances constitute a criminal offence. Both the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) and the Criminal Code Act 1899 (Qld) contain relevant provisions applicable to cyberbullying.

The Commonwealth Criminal Code outlines a number of criminal offences concerning telecommunications services. The most relevant offence for cyberbullying is "using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence to another person".

The Queensland Criminal Code contains several applicable sections for cyberbullying. Potential relevant criminal offences are:

- Unlawful stalking.
- Computer hacking and misuse.
- Possession of child exploitation material.
- Involving a child in making child exploitation material.
- Making child exploitation material.
- Distribution of child exploitation material.
- Criminal Defamation.

There are significant penalties for these offences. Surfers Paradise State School strives to create positive environments for all students at all times of the day, including while online. To help in achieving this goal, Surfers Paradise State School expects its students to engage in positive online behaviours.



Student Name:			Location (please tick)	
Date:	Time:	Class:	Playground	
Referring staff member :			Specialist Lesson	
			Classroom	
			Other	

Problem Behaviour			
Minor (Please tick)		Major (Please tick)	
Defiance/Disrespect Low intensity, brief failure to follow directions.		Defiance/Disrespect Continued refusal to follow directions, talking back and / or socially rude interactions.	
Physical Contact Student engages in non-serious but inappropriate physical contact.		Physical Aggression Actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (eg hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, scratching etc).	
Inappropriate language Low intensity language (eg shut up, idiot etc).		Inappropriate /Abusive language Repeated verbal messages that involve swearing or use of words in an inappropriate way directed at other individual or group.	
Disruption Low intensity but inappropriate disruption.		Disruption Repeated behaviour causing an interruption in a class or playground. (eg. Yelling or screaming, noise with material, disrupting games, sustained out of seat behaviour etc).	
Property Misuse Low intensity misuse of property.		Vandalism Student engages in an activity that results in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property.	
Dress Code Student wears clothing that is near, but not within, the dress code guidelines defined by the school.		Dress Code Refusal to comply with school dress code.	
Safety Student engages in brief or low-level safety violation not involving hurting any other individuals or groups.		Safety Student engages in frequent unsafe activities where injury may occur.	
Dishonesty Student engages in minor lying/cheating not involving any other person.		Major Dishonesty Student delivers message that is untrue and / or deliberately violates rules and/or harms others.	
Other		Harassment / Bullying Repeated teasing, physical and verbal intimidation of a student.	
		Other	

School Expectation Category			
I am SAFE		I am Respectful	I am a Learner

Others involved in incident							
None		Peers		Staff		Other	



Behaviour Incident Report

Name of student/s involved in incident:

Person Completing Form:

Date:

Problem behaviour (name):		
Date of incident	Time incident started	Time incident ended
Where was the student when the incident occurred?		
Who was working with the student when the incident occurred?		
Where was staff when the incident occurred?		
Who was next to the student when the incident occurred?		
Who else was in the immediate area when the incident occurred?		
What was the general atmosphere like at the time of the incident?		
What was the student doing at the time of the incident?		
What occurred immediately before the incident? Describe the activity, task, event.		
Describe what the student did during the incident.		
Describe the level of severity of the incident. (e.g. damage, injury to self/others)		
Describe who or what the incident was directed at.		
What action was taken to de-escalate or re-direct the problem?		
Briefly give your impression of why the student engaged in the above-described incident. (e.g. was angry because I asked him/her to stop teasing).		

Debriefing Report

Formal debriefing

Formal debriefing should be led by a staff member trained in the process who has not been involved in the event. The goals of debriefing are to:

- reverse or minimise the negative effects of physical intervention;
- prevent the future use of physical intervention; and/or
- address organisational problems and make appropriate changes.

For students who have language or communication difficulties the debriefing process will need to be modified to accommodate their specific receptive and expressive needs.

Debriefing should provide information on:

- who was involved;
- what happened;
- where it happened;
- why it happened; and
- what we learned.

The specific questions we want to answer through the debriefing process are:

- **FACTS:** what do we know happened?
- **FEELINGS:** how do you feel about the event that happened?
- **PLANNING:** what can/should we do next?

Questions for staff

- What were the first signs?
- What de-escalation techniques were used?
- What worked and what did not?
- What would you do differently next time?
- How can physical intervention be avoided in this situation in the future?
- What emotional impact does using physical intervention have on you?
- What was your emotional state at the time of the escalation?

Questions for student

- What was it that you needed?
- What upset you most?
- What did we do that was helpful?
- What did we do that got it that way?
- What can we do better next time?
- Would you do something differently next time?
- What could we have done to make the physical intervention less invasive?

Notes on the discussion that occurs during the debriefing report are not required to be documented, however a note should be made that the debriefing has occurred for both staff and students involved (e.g. names, date, time and outcomes).

South Coast Region Incident Report



Name School name *(if applicable)*

Position: Student Year:
 Teacher Contact phone number *(if applicable)*
 Other Specify:

If the report provided by a student, was the student's parent / carer present? Yes No

The following assistance was provided in writing this statement:

Date of Incident <input type="text"/>	Time of Incident <input type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm	Place of Incident <input type="text"/>
People present: <input type="text"/>		

Ensure the statement covers the following points.
 What I saw and heard; what I did; any other information relevant to incident

Signature Date

Assistance provided by: *(if applicable)*
 Name Signature Date

Cybersafety

The Department of Education, Training and Employment promotes positive online behaviours and good digital citizenship as central to teaching cybersafety in schools. The Department hosts a comprehensive [cybersafety portal](#) covering key topics including specific information for teachers, parents and students.

<http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health/cybersafety/pages/cybersafety-qss.html>

Cybersafety in Queensland state schools

Cybersafety refers to online behaviour that is safe, appropriate and responsible.

To help prevent cybersafety incidents, students are taught how to:

- use technology appropriately and responsibly
- behave in ways to enhance their own safety.

[Web filtering](#) is used to help prevent students from accessing potentially harmful sites. Students can also talk to their teacher, principal or school counsellor.

[Primary school students](#)—learn about the 5Ps for a positive digital footprint

5P program for primary school students

Today's students live and breathe technology—many know more about it and are more comfortable using it than you are.

They can use it to do almost anything they want, anywhere and at any time. And like you, primary school children use technology to chat with friends and family, play games and for learning too.

While technology is great, there are a few things kids need to think about every time they go online. To help them understand and remember them, we have designed the 5Ps for a positive digital footprint.

5Ps for a positive digital footprint

5 key messages that cover what is and isn't okay when working online:

The program has

- Profiles—use a nickname and profile picture that doesn't show your face
- Positive—make sure online information about you is as positive as possible
- Permission—make sure you have a grown-up's permission to use a new site or app
- Privacy—keep your passwords and personal details secure
- Protect—keep evidence and don't bully back, tell someone

Information for students

When you are online never give away your home address, phone number, email address and passwords. You should treat strangers the same way online as you would in the real world. For more tips, advice and useful resources:

- [Protecting yourself online](#)
- [Cybersmart for young kids](#)
- [Cybersmart for kids](#)
- [Cybersmart for teens](#)
- [Cybersafety help](#)
- [ThinkUKnow](#)
- [Budd:E Cybersecurity](#)

Information for parents

To help keep your child safe when they are online, you can:

- put computers in open spaces within your home
- educate your child about [appropriate online behaviour](#) and the need for respectful communication with other internet users
- keep an eye on what your child is doing online (both in the home and on any mobile devices they may have access to e.g. phones, music devices and tablets)
- set clear rules about what sites and activities they are allowed to access
- install software to limit their use and monitor/restrict the sites they visit
- discuss a plan with your child about how to address any cybersafety issues that may arise (make sure they know you will be supportive if they mention anything and that they will not get in trouble)
- install the [cybersafety help button](#) on your computer.

Social media tips

Social media applications (such as Facebook) are extremely popular with young people and the usage of these sites is only likely to increase. Some tips to help your child stay safe while using social media include:

- make sure they never reveal their home address, phone number, email address and passwords
- review the age suitability for any sites and apps your child joins or installs
- look at who their contacts and followers are—this will help reduce the risk of them encountering inappropriate people and content
- educate yourself on the [issues that children face](#)
- establish an open relationship with your child so they trust you to view their profiles
- reinforce the need for them to keep passwords private and to update them regularly
- ensure your child understands the [implications of posting images and content](#) on the internet.

You may also want to consider creating an account on the social media application your child uses and request to become friends or follow their account. Your child may resist this but it may still be a good idea to open an account to increase your understanding of the site or app they are using.

Reporting inappropriate content

Social media providers may remove content that breaches their terms of service or acceptable use policies. Most websites and apps have a 'report/block this person' or 'report/flag content' function. Common links for reporting inappropriate social media content:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Google \(including YouTube\)](#)
- [Tumblr](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Cybersmart](#)—learn about what children do online and how you can encourage them to be cybersmart at different ages.
- [Stay Smart Online](#)—read about how to protect personal and financial information.
- [ThinkUKnow](#)—contains information about technologies that are popular with kids and advice about app safety.
- [Computers and your child](#)—learn how you can help your children to stay safe online, and set boundaries for how to use technology.
- [Who's chatting to your kids?](#)—provides tips to help you keep your children safe from online predators.
- [Budd:E Cybersecurity](#)—educational and interactive activities for students.
- [Bullying. No way!](#)— information about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools.
- [Resources for parents](#)—provided by Education Queensland.

Surfers Paradise State School

Attendance Expectations



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Every Day Counts'

Expectations of Students

At Surfers Paradise State School we expect;

- That every student will attend every day of school throughout the year. Research clearly shows that student's who attend very regularly achieve much better results across the long term;
- That if coming to school late, they sign in at the office. They should present a note from a parent/ guardian explaining lateness. Persistent lateness will lead to contact with home.
- That students remain at school the entire day and only depart through the office after approvals have been given by parents/guardians and sighted and approved by school administration.
- That students ensure their parents/guardians provide the school with a note, email or phone call explaining absences
- That students will actively and promptly follow up with their teachers after all absences to ensure they have all the required work to continue successfully in their classes.

Expectations of Parents

At Surfers Paradise State School we expect;

- That parents/guardians actively support the school in ensuring their child(ren) attend school every day of the year
- That parents/ guardians provide a note, email or phone the office if their child(ren) are late for school.
- That parents/guardians provide a note prior to any planned early departure from school and remind their child(ren) that they still must report to the office before their departure.
- That parents/ guardians inform the school of all absences as soon as possible (preferably on the day of the absence)
- That parents/ guardians give forewarning of known future absences, in particular long-term absences.
- That parents/ guardians will actively and promptly instruct their child(ren) to follow up with their teachers after all absences to ensure they have all the required work to continue successfully in their classes.
- That parents/ guardians make informed decisions about appropriate absences from school, remembering that every absence requires the student to organise catch-up work.
- That parents/ guardians support the school in applying consequences (with appropriate notice) for students who truant during any school day.

Expectations of Staff

At Surfers Paradise State School we expect;

- That all staff will mark rolls diligently by 9:10am and again at 2:15pm for all students they are responsible for throughout a normal school day or during a camp/excursion.
- That rolls are marked promptly, to ensure student attendance can be recorded in our system accurately and parents can be notified of unexplained absences.
- That class absences are recorded and reported either through electronic or paper modes (depending on system established)
- That contact is made with parents/ guardians by classroom teachers if a pattern of absence is noted in a particular class/ subject.
- That contact is made weekly by the office staff of any unexplained absence to parents/guardians either through email or phone messages (dependent of system established)
- That students who are found to be truant for any part of a school day, are reported to parents/guardians immediately by the school administration with appropriate consequences established.
- That contact is made through phone calls and official letters to parents/ guardians of any students who fall below 85% attendance.
- That pro-active & supportive strategies are employed with students who demonstrate an unwillingness to attend school.