

Nedlands Primary School

Student Engagement Policy

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Rationale

All members of the Nedlands Primary School community have the right to operate in an environment characterized by respect, consideration, safety and cooperation. This policy addresses the ways student engagement is managed at our school. It contains information for staff, parents/caregivers and students.

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PREVENTION STATEMENT & STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Nedlands Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Nedlands Primary School's Student Engagement Policy conforms to the principles outlined in the Department of Education *Managing Student Behaviour Policy* v2.1 Effective: 4 January 2016 and *Student Behaviour Procedures* v2.5 Effective: 26 April 2018.

Nedlands Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where all children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Nedlands Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and all people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Nedlands PS provides an inclusive school culture that promotes positive relationships across the entire school community. The school motto of Always Higher is fundamental to these relationships. We underpin this by teaching positive behaviours that are embodied in the teaching and learning programs and are underpinned by the attitudes of the West Australian Curriculum. Our values are actioned by agreed norms and demonstrated through our essential agreements.

Active participation by all members of the school community is the foundation of our positive school culture.

A key component of the school's approach is to allow every person, and especially our students, to operate at their optimum level by:

- Feeling safe from verbal, physical or cyber conduct that is uninvited and /or intimidatory
- Developing and implementing strategies and practices that address bullying/harassing and inappropriate behaviour which includes cyber-bullying
- Knowing there is a trusted adult they can rely on to support them if they need help.

The Leadership Team regularly consults with students, teachers and parents/carers to ensure that we are responsive to the student's social, emotional, cognitive and cultural needs. Student voice is encouraged through participation in Student Leadership activities, formulation of class protocols and Essential Agreements, the Buddy System and other whole school activities.

Student wellbeing, including child safety, is an agenda item for weekly collaborative teaching team meetings.

Through our Health curriculum we seek to provide a balance between acquisition of essential knowledge and skills, development of conceptual understanding, demonstration of positive attitudes and taking responsible action. Our curriculum engages all students by recognizing and responding to their diverse learning needs. Effective teaching, inclusive curriculum and respectful relationships between staff and students are promoted.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Regular Attendance

The School understands that full attendance is key to engagement and maximizes every student's ability to learn and our teachers' ability to teach effectively. We track student attendance through the state-wide data collection and Nedlands Primary School is consistently well above the state mean.

Inclusion

Students with special learning or social/emotional needs who are not funded by Department of Education (DOE) are supported through an Individual Education Plan designed by the child's class teacher and education assistant, in consultation with the parent/carer. Requests for student assessments, intervention, treatment or referral to other outside agencies are organized by the nominated case manager within the Student Support Team in consultation

with the family, teacher and education assistant. The Leadership Team discusses student wellbeing during weekly meetings.

Restorative Practices & School-wide positive behaviour support

Building positive relationships is at the core of our school's philosophy and student engagement. Our school continues to build on opportunities for our students to take on meaningful responsibilities both within the school and the broader community. A key component of the school's approach to prevention is teaching positive behaviours and the use of Restorative Practices to encourage engagement and develop pride, respect and responsibility in each individual student.

eSmart

Nedlands Primary School has policies and systems to address the way our school manages cyber safety, bullying and cyber bullying. Our students, staff and the wider school community are supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.

eSmart provides a guiding framework for schools to promote smart, safe and responsible use of digital technologies. eSmart aims to help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduces exposure to cyber safe risks such as cyber bullying, identity theft, online predators and inappropriate images and content. Our work towards achieving eSmart status involves the whole school community – an eSmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm.

The eSmart Team includes staff, parents and a School Council member in order accurately to represent and communicate with the school community. Our ICT policies meet the requirements of eSmart and an Internet Acceptable Use Agreement is in operation. Students at Nedlands Primary School participate in cyber safety workshops in class and they and their parents signed and return our school eSmart Agreement prior to accessing digital technologies.

A separate document entitled Nedlands Primary School "Use of ICT Guidelines" accompanies the eSmart Agreement and is published on our school website. Our aim is to provide an educative environment by establishing an eSmart culture which is in keeping with the values of the school, legislative and professional obligations, and the community's expectation. Within this context, the objectives of these guidelines are to ensure the smart, safe, responsible use of ICT within the school community. The guidelines outline the conditions applying to the use of all school ICT and behaviours associated with safe, responsible and ethical use of technology. Authorized users are required to comply with the Agreement.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyber bullying or risky online behaviour, please contact one of the Principal Class Officers or our eSmart coordinator.

Intensive Literacy and Numeracy

Learning Support staff are allocated to work in all year levels for Literacy and Numeracy support where required. Enrichment activities that promote Literacy & Numeracy take place in many areas of the curriculum to further support all students' engagement.

Inclusion, Wellbeing & Transitions

Transition processes are reviewed and updated to improve transition at every year level of the school, including entry and exit from the school as well as movement from year to year. Activities and whole school wellbeing programs are also delivered by teachers and active participation in whole school events and celebration is encouraged. The establishment of Buddy Classes is supported.

A variety of lunch time activities is provided to support students who are isolated or overwhelmed by the social demands of the playground and for those who prefer quieter activities at lunch time. Such activities may include:

• Lunch activities - offers a variety of activities including music, art, craft, writing, structured games, coding,

Numero and Gardening

- Library one lunchtime per week the library is open for borrowing, reading and quiet drawing
- Alternative activities daily small group activities on the verandah for access by students of all age groups

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Teacher professional learning is given a high priority at Nedlands Primary School to ensure the strategies and approaches adopted are implemented with integrity. The school manages Professional Learning through data-driven coordination of outside and internal expertise. Phase of Learning and Curriculum leaders provide coaching, mentoring and professional development and resources for all staff members.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND RELATIONSHIPS

The school expects the active involvement of parents in the learning and social behaviour of each student. It seeks to foster this approach with parents through informal conversations, formal interviews, summative reports, phone calls, meetings, and communications through our online sharing platforms. Effective information is provided to parents through Parent Information sessions, Parent Information Booklets, school website, emails and newsletters.

Inclusive behaviours and getting to know each other are an important part of the first weeks of the school year. Each year class and specialist teachers allocate the necessary time during the first two weeks of the teaching and learning program to collaborate with students to develop common understanding of the Essential Agreements (Appendix 1).

Students participate in programs which support and promote mental health and wellbeing, anti-bullying strategies (including cyber bullying) and respectful behaviours as follows:

- Years Pre-primary 3: You Can Do It (Program Achieve)
- Year 4-6: Aussie Optimism
- Years Pre-primary 6: Cyber bullying class workshops & development of eSmart posters
- Years Kindergarten 6: Harmony Week

Student Engagement Strategies

Teachers at Nedlands Primary School will be trained in 'Restorative Practices' (refer to Table One) as part of our annual professional learning. Restorative Practices value and support those involved in an incident so that they feel empowered to take positive action to address the situation and move forward. Restorative Practice is about being respectful of every member of our school community, encouraging responsible behaviour and actions and ensuring that personal pride and dignity are maintained.

Teachers use the Restorative 'script' below when managing student engagement. All incidents deemed to have breached the school's expectations of behaviour are recorded in the approved DoE Student Information System by the Associate Principal or Principal. A copy of the Reflection sheet and any relevant case notes constructed during the Restorative Conference is saved digitally into individual Student Files.

TABLE ONE

When things go wrong	When someone has been hurt
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 Who has been affected by what you have done? In 	others?
what way?	 What has been the hardest thing for you?
What do you think you need to do to make things	What do you think needs to happen to make things
right?	right?

Parents will be informed of the consequences of their child breaching their agreement and the school's response and management plan. If intervention is recommended from specialist services and external agencies parents will be informed and consent sought.

Nedlands Primary School establishes targets and action plans for improved Student Engagement and Wellbeing in the School Business Plan. The School Business Plan is made available to the wider school community through the school website.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006) outline a vision of human rights for all Australians. The charter affirms that all people are born free and equal in dignity and rights. While the charter demands equality for all, it also emphasizes the value of difference. The charter requires public authorities, including Government schools and their employees to act compatibly with human rights and to consider them when making decisions and delivering services.

The Disability Standards for Education 2005 seeks to eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities. Under Section 22 of the Act it is unlawful for an educational authority to discriminate against a person on the grounds of the person's disability or a disability of any associates of that person. The standards clarify and make more explicit the obligations on schools and the rights of students under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. The standards cover enrolment, participation, curriculum development, student support services and harassment and victimization.

All students at Nedlands Primary School have the right to feel safe from bullying behaviour which includes verbal/emotional, physical and cyber bullying. Our focus is on an effective whole school approach to school based prevention programs. We involve and support parents and the community through workshops, newsletters and conferences. We use multiple strategies to deliver programs. We treat reports of verbal, emotional, physical and cyber bullying very seriously and with clear consistent action using Restorative techniques.

Rights and responsibilities are inextricably linked and need to be considered in conjunction with one another.

Rights	Responsibilities
Students have the RIGHT to	Students have the RESPONSIBILITY to
 learn in a purposeful and supportive environment work and play in a safe, secure, friendly and clean environment be treated with respect, courtesy and honesty 	 treat others with respect and tolerance play in a way that is safe for themself and others make sure that their behaviour is not disruptive to the learning of others help to keep school grounds clean and tidy show respect for the property of others and the property of the school
Staff have the RIGHT to:	Staff have the RESPONSIBILITY to:
 be treated with respect, courtesy and honesty work in a safe, secure and clean environment work in a purposeful and non-disruptive environment receive co-operation and support from parents and other staff 	 model respectful, courteous and honest behaviour ensure that all students are provided with appropriate and positive learning opportunities establish positive relationships with students and support a harmonious classroom environment provide meaningful, regular feedback to students accurately and regularly report student progress to parents consistently implement school policy ensure the school environment is kept neat, tidy and clean maintain confidentiality and respect for all members of the School Community
Parents have the RIGHT to	Parents have the RESPONSIBILITY to
 be informed about curriculum material, behaviour management procedures and decisions affecting their child's health and welfare be accurately and regularly informed of their child's progress access a meaningful and adequate education for their child be heard in an appropriate forum on matters related to the rights of their child to an appropriate education be treated by school staff with respect, courtesy and honesty 	 ensure that their child attends school ensure that their child is as physically and emotionally prepared for school as possible ensure that their child is provided with appropriate work materials and clothing for school activities support the school in providing a meaningful and adequate education for their children treat school staff with respect and courtesy and honesty maintain confidentiality and respect for other families

SHARED EXPECTATIONS

Nedlands Primary School is continually focused on a positive school environment which aims to provide safety, security and support for students. Our shared expectations are intended to support individual students and families that come to our school community from a diversity of backgrounds, communities and experiences.

Nedlands Primary School has developed shared expectations drawn up between students, staff and parents of the school community on what we value and demonstrate at Nedlands Primary School to ensure that the learning, safety and rights of all are respected. This agreement is displayed prominently throughout the school and embraces the School Values –Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. The agreement is provided to all families on enrollment.

Expectations

Expectations			
	Engagement	Attendance	Behaviour All members of the school community are expected to participate in the educational environment with enthusiasm and mutual respect. Nedlands Primary School will support and promote positive behaviours by developing and implementing shared behavioural expectations with the school community and by delivering whole school responses to behavioural issues. Our school is committed to engaging all students.
Nedlands Leadership Team	Uphold the right of every child to receive an education Ensure the school complies with its duty of care obligations to each student as well as its obligations under the equal opportunity and human rights legislation Ensure the school staff is aware of and complies with the Child Protection policy v 2.7 Collaborate with the Nedlands Primary School community to develop policies and procedures consistent with its values, aspirations and DoE guidelines Identify the diversity of the school community and provide teaching and learning, educational and extracurricular activities, facilities, student services and community linkages which are inclusive and responsive to student needs	In compliance with DOE procedures staff at Nedlands will: • Promote regular attendance at school. • Monitor and follow up on absences.	Lead and promote preventative approaches to behavioural issues by incorporating student wellbeing at the center of school business. Monitor the profile of behaviour issues at the school and the effectiveness of implemented strategies. Provide appropriate Professional Learning opportunities for all staff to build their capacity to promote positive behaviours.
Nedlands Educators	Develop flexible pedagogical styles to cater for all learners. Deliver curriculum and assessment that challenges and extends students' learning – remedial and extension. Develop positive and appropriate relationships with students that promote engagement, wellbeing and learning. Provide opportunities for student	In compliance with DOE procedures staff at Nedlands will: • Promote regular attendance at school. • Monitor and follow up on absences.	Use the Student Engagement Policy as a basis for negotiating a class-based set of shared expectations with students. Teach students social competencies through curriculum content and pedagogical approach. Employ behaviour management strategies that reflect the behaviours expected from students and which focus on supporting positive behaviours.

	voice to influence school culture		Build a collegiate relationship with other
	positively in and outside the		school staff to share strategies and support
	classroom.		each other to reflect on one's own behaviour management approach.
	Protect students from any form of		management approach.
	abuse by being aware of and		Involve appropriate specialist expertise where
	complying with the Child Safe		necessary.
	Standards.		
	Maintain confidentiality at all times.		
Nedlands	Model positive behaviours and	Parents and Carers	Parents and Carers should understand the
Families	expectations towards education	should ensure that	school's behavioural expectations and work
	Actively participate in supporting their	their children	with us to promote a consistent approach that
	child's learning by building positive	attend school	supports their child's learning, engagement
	relationships with the school	regularly and that	and endeavor both in and out of school.
	Promoto positivo adusational	when their child is absent or late	
	Promote positive educational outcomes for their children by taking	to/from school they	
	an active interest in their child's	supply an	
	educational progress and behavioural	explanation.	
	patterns		
		Parents and Carers	
	Regularly participate in constructive communication with school staff	are expected to ensure that	
	regarding their child's learning and	enrolment details	
	wellbeing	for their children	
	Attend parent teacher meetings,	are always kept up	
	student activities, school celebrations,	to date.	
	school meetings		
	Uphold The Essential Agreement and	Parents and Carers will ensure the	
	the Expected Responsibilities and	correct student	
	support the school in ensuring student	uniform is worn by	
	compliance with it	students.	
Nedlands	As a member of Nedlands Primary	Students should be	Contribute to a positive school environment
Students	School, students hold a representative position of trust and are accountable	punctual to school and class, arrive on	that is safe, inclusive and happy.
	for their actions. All Nedlands	time and be ready	Respect the teacher's right to teach and that
	students are expected to:	to learn.	disrupting the learning of others is
	 Respect, value and learn 	All students are	unacceptable.
	from the differences of	expected to come	
	others	to school every day that the school is	Have high expectations that they can learn Adhere to the expectations of positive
	Believe they can learn	open to students. If	behaviour as set out in the Essential
		students cannot	Agreement.
		attend an	
		explanation must	Understand that any form of bullying (cyber-
		be provided from	bullying, verbal, physical or emotional),
		their parent/carer to their teacher.	violence, and inappropriate language or property damage is unacceptable
		to their teacher.	politely but firmly ask the complainant to stop
			their offending behaviour by saying "Stop it I
			don't like it!" if a student feels that they are
			being intimidated

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR CONSEQUENCE PROCESS



The following consequence process applies during lesson time, including transition between lessons, lessons held outside, incursions/excursions and school clubs before or after school.

	Classroom Behaviour Management Plan	Action	Consequences	Who
1.	Low key transgression	General verbal reminder of expectations and proximity used	Low key response that suits context	Class teacher
2.	First transgression of classroom expectations not met	Specific verbal reminder with students name placed onto classroom student engagement process	Classroom consequence applied	Class Teacher
3.	Second transgression of classroom expectations not met	Specific verbal reminder with counseling and student progresses through agreed classroom student engagement process	Classroom consequence applied	Class Teacher
4.	Third transgression of classroom expectations not met	Student guided (with peer) to the Associate Principal or Principal or peer sent to Associate Principal or Principal with a request for support	Admin to: 1. Interview student 2. Investigate transgression 3. Student completes Reflection Sheet 4. Notify parents/carers to sign and return sheet the following day 5. Record on SIS	Administrator

OUTDOOR BEHAVIOUR CONSEQUENCE PROCESS

The following consequence process applies during break times time **over the period of a school day.** W more students are involved and the behaviours affect each

other, a Restorative Conversation (see table below) by the Duty Teacher must be completed and classroom teacher informed.

When things go wrong	When someone has been hurt
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Who has been affected by what you have	others?
done? In what way?	What has been the hardest thing for you?
What do you think you need to do to make	What do you think needs to happen to make
things right?	things right?

	utdoor Behaviour Ianagement Plan	Action	Consequences	Who
1.	Low key strategy	General verbal reminder of expectations		Duty teacher
2.	First transgression of outdoor expectations not met	Specific verbal reminder of expectations. Student reminded that following consequence is a walking time out.	Counseling and proximity used	Duty Teacher
3.	Second transgression of outdoor expectations not met	Student directed to complete a duty walk with the duty teacher for a period of 5 minutes, during which a Restorative Conversation will take place.	Duty teacher informs class teacher of playground time out.	Duty Teacher
4.	Third transgression of outdoor expectations not met	Student guided (with peer) to the Associate Principal or Principal.	Admin to: 1. Interview student 2. Investigate transgression 3. Complete Reflection Sheet 4. Notify parents/carers to sign and return sheet the following day. 5. Record on SIS	Administrator

ONGOING BEHAVIOUR ISSUES

Where students exhibit ongoing challenging behaviour patterns – a range of strategies as part of a staged response will be used and these may include:

- Early Years (K-2) will be started on a behaviour management/incentive chart that recognises improved effort and behaviour with stamps/stickers implemented through an Individual Behaviour Plan
- Senior Students will be counselled about the risk of loss of Good Standing (see Serious Behaviours) with loss of privileges/responsibilities. An Individual Behaviour Plan may be developed
- If the unsatisfactory behaviour continues (3 Reflection Sheets within a one-week period):
 - 1. A formal meeting, involving the Principal or Associate Principal, teacher, student and parents/carers, will highlight individualised goals for improvement to be documented discretely by their teacher with a review meeting scheduled
 - 2. If the inappropriate behaviour persists after one week, a further parent/carer meeting, involving the Principal or Associate Principal will be held and an Individual Behaviour Management Plan developed, highlighting individualised consequences and a loss of good standing. The consequences to a student for losing their Good Standing may result in a student receiving a sanction such as removal of leadership position, an activity exclusion (i.e. program, excursion, trip, camp, tour), in school suspension, external suspension and/or expulsion

SERIOUS BEHAVIOURS

Nedlands Primary School values safety, equity and justice for all and recognises the impact of poor student behaviour on other students' safety and learning. At anytime serious breaches of behaviour may result in immediate removal from the classroom.

Serious behaviours include:

- Violation of School or class Agreements
- Verbal abuse or harassment of students
- Verbal abuse or harassment of staff
- Physical assault or intimidation of students
- Physical assault or intimidation of staff
- Willful violence against property
- Weapons offences
- Substance misuse

Immediate Process to be followed:

- 1. Immediate referral to the Associate Principal or Principal
- 2. When the situation allows, the student completes a Reflection sheet for documentation and reflective purposes
- 3. Parents/carers contacted as per the Reflection Sheet
- 4. A formal meeting is organised with student, teacher (if in context), Associate Principal or Principal and parents/carers and highlighting individualised consequences and a loss of Good Standing. The consequences to a student for losing their Good Standing will be determined at the discretion of the Principal, and/or Associate Principal. The consequences to a student for losing their Good Standing may result in a student receiving a sanction such as removal of leadership position, an activity exclusion (i.e. program, excursion, trip, camp, tour), in school suspension, external suspension and/or expulsion
- 5. The incident will be entered into the DoE's Student Information System (SIS) as a permanent record
- 6. Internal suspensions will be logged into the Student Information System
- 7. External suspensions will be logged into the Student Information System and the Online Incident Notification System

Recurrent serious behaviours are managed as under 'Ongoing Behaviour Issues' above.

THE ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT

The Student Engagement Policy outlines the agreed behaviours that form the Essential Agreement. The following expected behaviour matrix forms the basis of our student engagement program.

	WHOLE SCHOOL	LEARNING SPACES	OUTSIDE AREAS	TECHNOLOGY	TOILETS	LIBRARY	BEFORE & AFTER
	COMMUNITY						SCHOOL
ASPIRE	- Wear NPS uniform with pride - Have-a-go - Attend school regularly	- Be prepared for school and all lessons - Hand in work on time - Work when in classroom - Set challenging goals for learning	- Care for school environment - Pick up rubbish - Store zipped up bag neatly - Play fairly (be positive) - Tell a teacher if a ball goes out of school grounds - Put hand up to be dismissed after eating lunch	- Follow NPS 'Internet Usage Agreement 3-6' - Stay in one spot with the device - Use in centre of desk away from water and food - Use technology to learn - Search educational sites – search safely	- Keep all toilet areas clean and hygienic - Put paper towels in the bin - Use only the toilet paper you need - Wash and dry your hands to avoid spreading germs - Keep all toilet surfaces, including walls, always clean	- Use quiet inside voices - Report damaged books - Read and look at displays	- Arrive at school on time - Get organised for lessons in class before 8.45am - Wait to be dismissed at the end of the day
LIFE-LONG LEARNING	- Use people's names - Use manner – please and thank you - Knock before entering a classroom - Keep your hands to yourself - Talk to others using appropriate volume - Recycle paper in proper bin	- Store water bottles on the ground - Get organised before school - Keep on task - Take responsibility for your own learning - Walk inside - Ask before using other's property	- Always wear a NPS hat for sun protection - Put your rubbish in the bin -Take turns - Follow rules of game - Play safely, especially on equipment - Take care when throwing or kicking a ball - Line up quietly	- Stay on task when using technology - Take care when handling devices - Use carry bags and trolleys correctly - Carry with two hands - Keep passwords private - Use technology wisely - Be gentle with keys	- Use bathrooms at recess and lunch time - Flush toilet after use - Use half and full flush correctly - Use the correct toilets for your gender - Use toilets sensibly	- Take care of books - Use a book bag to protect books - Handle books with care - Spines of books must face out on shelves	- Greet others – say hello! - Be friendly - Cross road safely with crosswalk attendant - Follow school behaviour expectations after school hours
TOLERANCE	- Include everyone - Speak kindly to other people - Be kind and respect other people's feelings	- Listen attentively - Walk quietly around school so other classes are not disturbed - Allow others to learn - Work with everyone in class	- Share play equipment - Invite others to play - Accept differences of opinion - Be respectful to everyone	- Share equipment and devices fairly - Be patient with devices	- Give privacy to others in toilet cubicles - Take turns fairly - Be patient when someone is in the cubicle -Use your quiet inside voice in toilets	- Take turns and share popular books - Avoid crowds in book aisles	- Sit quietly in the hall if at school before 8.30am
INTEGRITY	- Respect everyone - Respect all property - Take care of equipment - Put lost things into lost property	- Hats off inside - Exercise or have brain breaks regularly to help your concentration - Respect others and school property	- Use equipment safely - Look after sport equipment - Return to sports shed - Only captains on duty in sports shed	- Print only one copy at a time - Leave settings as they are - Only use your own account - Use technology appropriately	- Only go into the toilets when you need to use them - If a queue, wait your turn - One person in cubicle at a time - Report problems to a teacher - Leave soap box closed	- Keep library clean - Tuck in chairs and tidy library before leaving - Be responsible in library	- Only play on playground if a parent or carer is looking after you - Respect others who are getting organised for the day, whisper
UNITY	- Be welcoming to students and visitors - Stay on school grounds - Care for others - Walk on hard surfaces -Use kind words	- Raise hand to speak - Use inside voice when inside - Take turns to speak - Help each other	- Walk on hard surfaces - Sit and eat lunch in correct area - Play in correct areas - Agree on game rules before starting - Play 'chasey' only on ovals	- Leave device where you found it - Remember to log off or shut down after use - Put devices on charge after use - Report inappropriate use	- Leave cubicles unlocked when not in use - Leave main door unlocked so others can use toilets - Use oval toilets when there are activities eg. choir in Altius	- Use shelf markers to put books back in their right place - Walk in library	- Walk bike & scooters to racks on school grounds - Years 1-3 park bikes or scooters in racks behind Rooms 14 and 15 Years 4-6 park bikes or scooters in racks behind Rooms 16 and 17
SELF-BELIEF	- Zip up your bag - Be a good role model - Ask for help if you need it	- Eat own crunch and sip - Ask teachers questions - Respect our own property - Keep desks, drawers and chair bags tidy	- Eat your own food - Seek help from duty teachers if someone is injured	- Avoid bringing own devices to school	- Close and lock toilet cubicle when inside	- Greet and thank Mrs Mendez	- Go straight to 'Yacht is Spot' after school and stay there to wait

SCHOOL ACTIONS & CONSEQUENCES

Student engagement, regular attendance and positive behaviours are best encouraged through the positive implementation of relationship based whole-school and classroom strategies such as:

- Establishing predictable, fair and democratic classrooms and school environments where a whole school approach promotes consistency in expectations, rewards and consequences
- Ensuring student participation in the development of classroom and whole- school expectations
- Providing personalized learning programs
- Empowering students by creating multiple opportunities for them to take responsibility and be involved in decision- making
- Providing physical environments conducive to positive behaviours and effective engagement in learning.
- Implementing school-wide positive behaviour support strategies

As part of classroom student engagement, each teacher will develop and display the agreed process that will be followed in the event of unacceptable student behaviour that might occur in that teaching and learning environment. Consequences appropriately match the misdemeanour and are applied in a way which reflects the type of unacceptable behaviour and/or the number of offences.

Each class teacher at Nedlands Primary School develops their own list of class consequences, in consultation with the students. Students are made aware that they CHOOSE their own consequences as a result of their own unacceptable behaviour. Teachers will share their Class Student Engagement Process with parents at the Parent Meeting that is held within the first two weeks of the school year.

We acknowledge students who meet the expectations outlined in this policy, both in class and in the playground, through a whole school approach of recognition and encouragement that may include:

- Merit stickers/comments/stamps
- Values Certificates
- Honour Certificates
- Celebration assemblies with focus on Academic, Sporting or Citizenship excellence
- Special mention in school Newsletters
- Student reports
- Leadership opportunities
- Intrinsic reinforcement of learning and success
- Displays of work around the school

When students do not meet these expectations, a staged response is implemented consistent with the logical consequences outlined in Table 3. (see appendices), and using the Restorative approach as outlined in the 'Prevention' section of this policy document.

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- 2. When the situation allows, the student completes a Reflection sheet for documentation and reflective purposes
- 3. Parents/carers contacted as per the Reflection Sheet
- 4. A formal meeting is organised with student, teacher (if in context), Associate Principal or Principal and parents/carers and **highlighting individualised** consequences and a loss of Good Standing. The consequences to a student for losing their Good Standing will be determined at the discretion of the Principal,

- and/or Associate Principal. The consequences to a student for losing their Good Standing may result in a student receiving a sanction such as removal of leadership position, an activity exclusion (i.e. program, excursion, trip, camp, tour), in school suspension, external suspension and/or expulsion
- 5. The incident will be entered into the DoE's Student Information System (SIS) as a permanent record
- 6. Internal suspensions will be logged into the Student Information System
- 7. External suspensions will be logged into the Student Information System and the Online Incident Notification System

Recurrent serious behaviours are managed as under 'Ongoing Behaviour Issues' above.

SCHOOL SUSPENSION

The placing of students on internal and external suspension will be authorized by the Principal or Associate Principal, where the Principal is unable to implement the suspension.

Parents/carers will be contacted and notified regarding an intention to suspend before a decision of suspension is made. Parents/carers will be provided with the opportunity to discuss the decision to suspend, the length of the suspension and re-entry procedures.

External suspension will be entered into the Student Information System (SIS) and the Online Incident Notification System. The student will be provided with learning activities to complete where the period is for 3 or more consecutive days or totals more than 5 days in the school year.

The Principal will notify parents or guardians of the need for a re-entry meeting with the student and themselves to ensure that their behaviour is appropriate upon their return to school.

PHYSICAL GUIDANCE OF A STUDENT

Where students are identified as at risk of behaviours that might put themselves or others at risk, the Student Support Team meets with parents or caregivers to discuss, explain and agree strategies for the child's wellbeing in a formal, signed plan. Strategies might include those recommended by the Positive Partnerships Program.

The Team Teach approach, as recommended by DoE, is used by specially trained staff in the event of a child needing physical guidance in order to keep themselves and others safe. This is based upon careful planning of the child's schedule to maximise their engagement and compliance and with continued close communication with parents/carers.

GOOD STANDING POLICY

Rationale

In 2019, the Minister for Education directed all public schools to 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 were also required to suspend/exclude students who fight or make physical contact with the intent of causing harm to other students, staff or disrupt the good order that is expected in public schools.

Further to this, the development of a Good Standing Policy was added as a mandatory requirement for all public schools in response to the increasing incidents of violence in schools. This policy statement for Nedlands PS adheres to the Department of Education directives and is to be read in conjunction with the existing Nedlands Primary School Behaviour Policy.

Policy

At Nedlands Primary School we aim to start all behaviour management processes within an inclusive, positive, safe and caring environment, supported and informed by *Restorative Practice*. Our daily approach is based on the view that our student population are generally positive, well behaved students who deal with each other and the adults who support them in appropriate, respectful ways.

'Good Standing' reflects the importance of students getting clear feedback and being supported by adults as they learn to take responsibility for behaviour which may ultimately have an effect on the safety and/or learning of the student or others. Good Standing is considered to be a shared concern and best addressed through an active partnership between the student, their family and the school.

All students at Nedlands PS commence with Good Standing on enrolment and at the start of each new school year.

Shared responsibility

In partnership with students, their parents/carers and the local community, we acknowledge our shared expectations and responsibility for modelling and developing positive behaviour for our students. The school's student *Behaviour Management Policy* and good standing requirements are communicated to families on enrolment, at annual parent meetings and within our Handbook, website and Connect Library.

Good standing

All students commence with and retain good standing while exhibiting behaviours that align with the school's values and beliefs as articulated in the school's behaviour plan. Students with Good Standing will be eligible for the following whole school rewards:

- Nedlands PS merit certificates
- Classroom-based rewards
- Participation in interschool events or school-based faction/sports events
- House rewards at end of term
- Year 6 only being a student councillor, having a leadership position or graduation events
- Representing NPS in any events, performances or activities
- Social based activities: dance evening, camp, school-based social incursions/excursions.

Loss of Good Standing

Loss of good standing occurs after a suspension or series of behaviours that are not aligned with the school student Behaviour Plan. These behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Physical violence
 Starting a fight
- o Making physical contact with the intention to harm another student or staff member
- Videoing a fight in the grounds of the school or off-site where there is reasonable nexus between the incident and the school, with the intention of publishing on social media.
- Threatening or intimidating behaviour towards other students or staff
- o Verbal abuse directed towards other students or staff
- 1. Inconsistent or significantly interrupted attendance patterns
- 2. 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);

A decision to remove a student's *Good Standing* should involve a discussion with the student and/or their parent/carer to highlight the issues that led to the loss of good standing.

Re-instate Good Standing

- The school will implement a restorative and educative 'Return to school' process to re-establish positive behaviour and/or attendance patterns.
- Develop a re-entry and/or individual behaviour plan focusing on the identified areas for improvement citing strategies, milestones and desired outcomes.
- Re-instate a student's good standing after such period as decided by the principal on a case by case basis.

The Nedlands PS *Good Standing Policy* is provided to maintain consistency and transparency 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 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 an addition to the Nedlands Primary School Behaviour Management Policy, Good Standing was shared with the Nedlands Primary School Board on XXXXX

Appendix A

Restorative Practices as an approach to support Positive Behaviour

- Seeks to foster healthy behaviours and stronger relationships. This is best achieved when teachers, students and parents learn to engage with one another in restorative ways.
- Acknowledges that there is a tendency to focus on the challenging issues at the expense of celebrating all the good things that are happening in the school community.
- Recognises that a disproportionate amount of time is spent with a small percentage of students.
- Acknowledges that the great majority of existing practice is effective and generally works.
- Asserts that not enough time is devoted to critique and discussion on what works and why.
- Believes that relationships are the centre focus in school communities.

Restorative Questions (When things go wrong)

- 1. What happened?
- 2. What were you thinking at the time?
- 3. What have you thought about since?
- 4. Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- 5. What do you think you need to do to make it right?

Restorative Questions (When someone has been hurt)

- 1. What did you think when you realised what had happened?
- 2. What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- 3. What has been the hardest thing for you?
- 4. What do you need to do to make things right?

The following questions assist all in the community to communicate clear values and practices and to focus on what is important and are a starting point for Restorative discussions.

- 1. 'Is what you are doing safe?'
- 2. 'Are you respecting people and property?'
- 3. 'Is what you are doing helping or stopping others from learning?'

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICIES

The Nedlands Primary School Student Engagement Policy supports and is supported by Department of Education Regulations and Policies including but not limited to:

- School Education Regulations 2000
- DOE Code of Conduct policy and guidelines
- Student Behaviour policy and procedures
- Positive Behaviour website
- Duty of Care for Students policy
- Physical Contact with Students Guidelines
- Child Protection policy
- Duty of Care for Students policy
- Excursions policy and procedures
- Students Online policy and guidelines
- Working with Children Checks policy

APPENDICES

Table 3: Classroom Behaviour Consequence Process

Table 4: Outdoor Behaviour Consequence Process

Reflection Sheet

Essential Agreement including Restorative Script

Transition Diagram

Targeting Levels of Behaviour

Table 3: Classroom Behaviour Consequence Process

The following consequence process applies during lesson time, including transition between lessons, lessons held outside, incursions/excursions and school clubs before or after

school.

Classroom Behaviour Management Plan	Action	Consequences	Who
Low key transgression	General verbal reminder of expectations and proximity used	Low key response that suits context	Class teacher
First transgression of classroom expectations not met	Specific verbal reminder with students name placed onto classroom student engagement process	Classroom consequence applied	Class Teacher
3. Second transgression of classroom expectations not met	Specific verbal reminder with counseling and student progresses through agreed classroom student engagement process	Classroom consequence applied	Class Teacher
4. Third transgression of classroom expectations not met	Student guided (with peer) to the Associate Principal or Principal or peer sent to Associate Principal or Principal with a request for support	Admin to: 1. Interview student 2. Investigate transgression 3. Student completes Reflection Sheet 4. Notify parents/carers to sign and return sheet the following day 5. Record on SIS	Administrator

Table 4: Outdoor Behaviour Consequence Process

The following consequence process applies during break times time **over the period of a school day.** Where 2 or more students are involved and the behaviours affect each other, a Restorative Conversation (see Table One) by the Duty Teacher must be completed and classroom teacher informed.

Outdoor Behaviour	Action	Consequences	Who
1. Low key strategy	General verbal reminder of expectations		Duty teacher
First transgression of outdoor expectations not met	Specific verbal reminder of expectations. Student reminded that following consequence is a walking time out.	Counseling and proximity used	Duty Teacher
3. Second transgression of outdoor expectations not met	Student directed to complete a duty walk with the duty teacher for a period of 5 minutes, during which a Restorative Conversation will take place.	Duty teacher informs class teacher of playground time out.	Duty Teacher
4. Third transgression of outdoor expectations not met	Student guided (with peer) to the Associate Principal or Principal.	Admin to: 1. Interview student 2. Investigate transgression 3. Complete Reflection Sheet 4. Notify parents/carers to sign and return sheet the following day. 5. Record on SIS	Administrator

Reflection Sheet Example only

Students have the RESPONSIBILITY to

- treat others with respect and tolerance

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play in a way that is safe for themself and others make sure that their behaviour is not disruptive to the learning of others help to keep school grounds clean and tidy			errectic e:	
show respect for the property of others and the property of the school		Class:	e: Date:	
Reasons for my behaviour		Descr	iption of my behavio	ur
		>		
	Tea	cher Comment		
Plan for Improvement	Sigr	ned	Date	
Policy	√2020	ent/Carer Comm		_

Consequences of my behaviour

How do I feel?

others?

How has my behaviour affected

Principal/Associate Principal informed How? _____ When? _____ Class teacher informed How? _____ When? _____ Parents/carers of offender informed How? _____ When? _____ Parents/carers of other student (s) informed How? _____ When? _____

The Essential Agreement

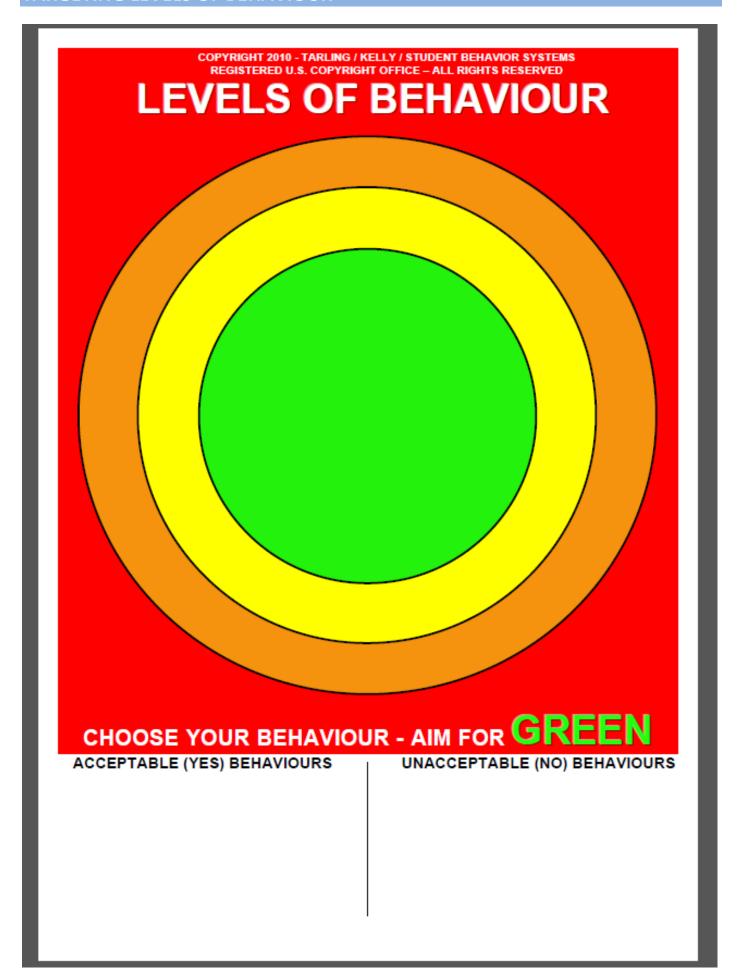
This expected behaviour matrix forms the basis of the Nedlands Primary School Student Engagement process.

	WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY	LEARNING SPACES	OUTSIDE AREAS	TECHNOLOGY	TOILETS	LIBRARY	BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
ASPIRE	- Wear NPS uniform with pride - Have-a-go - Attend school regularly	- Be prepared for school and all lessons - Hand in work on time - Work when in classroom - Set challenging goals for learning	- Care for school environment - Pick up rubbish - Store zipped up bag neatly - Play fairly (be positive) - Tell a teacher if a ball goes out of school grounds - Put hand up to be dismissed after eating lunch	- Follow NPS 'Internet Usage Agreement 3-6' - Stay in one spot with the device - Use in centre of desk away from water and food - Use technology to learn - Search educational sites – search safely	- Keep all toilet areas clean and hygienic - Put paper towels in the bin - Use only the toilet paper you need - Wash and dry your hands to avoid spreading germs - Keep all toilet surfaces, including walls, always clean	- Use quiet inside voices - Report damaged books - Read and look at displays	- Arrive at school on time - Get organised for lessons in class before 8.45am - Wait to be dismissed at the end of the day
LIFE-LONG LEARNING	- Use people's names - Use manner – please and thank you - Knock before entering a classroom - Keep your hands to yourself - Talk to others using appropriate volume - Recycle paper in proper bin	- Store water bottles on the ground - Get organised before school - Keep on task - Take responsibility for your own learning - Walk inside - Ask before using other's property	- Always wear a NPS hat for sun protection - Put your rubbish in the bin -Take turns - Follow rules of game - Play safely, especially on equipment - Take care when throwing or kicking a ball - Line up quietly	- Stay on task when using technology - Take care when handling devices - Use carry bags and trolleys correctly - Carry with two hands - Keep passwords private - Use technology wisely - Be gentle with keys	- Use bathrooms at recess and lunch time - Flush toilet after use - Use half and full flush correctly - Use the correct toilets for your gender - Use toilets sensibly	- Take care of books - Use a book bag to protect books - Handle books with care - Spines of books must face out on shelves	- Greet others – say hello! - Be friendly - Cross road safely with crosswalk attendant - Follow school behaviour expectations after school hours
TOLERANCE	- Include everyone - Speak kindly to other people - Be kind and respect other people's feelings	- Listen attentively - Walk quietly around school so other classes are not disturbed - Allow others to learn - Work with everyone in class	- Share play equipment - Invite others to play - Accept differences of opinion - Be respectful to everyone	- Share equipment and devices fairly - Be patient with devices	- Give privacy to others in toilet cubicles - Take turns fairly - Be patient when someone is in the cubicle -Use your quiet inside voice in toilets	- Take turns and share popular books - Avoid crowds in book aisles	- Sit quietly in the hall if at school before 8.30am
INTEGRITY	- Respect everyone - Respect all property - Take care of equipment - Put lost things into lost property	- Hats off inside - Exercise or have brain breaks regularly to help your concentration - Respect others and school property	- Use equipment safely - Look after sport equipment - Return to sports shed - Only captains on duty in sports shed	- Print only one copy at a time - Leave settings as they are - Only use your own account - Use technology appropriately	- Only go into the toilets when you need to use them - If a queue, wait your turn - One person in cubicle at a time - Report problems to a teacher - Leave soap box closed	- Keep library clean - Tuck in chairs and tidy library before leaving - Be responsible in library	Only play on playground if a parent or carer is looking after you Respect others who are getting organised for the day, whisper
UNITY	- Be welcoming to students and visitors - Stay on school grounds - Care for others - Walk on hard surfaces -Use kind words	- Raise hand to speak - Use inside voice when inside - Take turns to speak - Help each other	- Walk on hard surfaces - Sit and eat lunch in correct area - Play in correct areas - Agree on game rules before starting - Play 'chasey' only on ovals	- Leave device where you found it - Remember to log off or shut down after use - Put devices on charge after use - Report inappropriate use	- Leave cubicles unlocked when not in use - Leave main door unlocked so others can use toilets - Use oval toilets when there are activities eg. choir in Altius	- Use shelf markers to put books back in their right place - Walk in library	- Walk bike & scooters to racks on school grounds - Years 1-3 park bikes or scooters in racks behind Rooms 14 and 15 Years 4-6 park bikes or scooters in racks behind Rooms 16 and 17

	- Zip up your bag	- Eat own crunch and sip	- Eat your own food	- Avoid bringing own devices	- Close and lock toilet cubicle	- Greet and thank Mrs	- Go straight to 'Yacht is Spot'
	- Be a good role model	- Ask teachers questions	- Seek help from duty	to school	when inside	Mendez	after school and stay there to
	- Ask for help if you need it	- Respect our own property	teachers if someone is injured				wait
SELF-BELIEF		- Keep desks, drawers and					
SELF-DELIEF		chair bags tidy					

Restorative Script

When things go wrong	When someone has been hurt				
What happened?	What did you think when you realized what had				
What were you thinking at the time?	happened?				
What have you thought about since?	 What impact has this incident had on you and others? 				
Who has been affected by what you have done? In what	 What has been the hardest thing for you? 				
way?	 What do you think needs to happen to make things right? 				
What do you think you need to do to make things right?					



Transition Diagram

Nedlands Primary School Student Transition Process

PRIMART HOME

Entry to NPS

- Enrolment checklist completed by front office
- Front office to pass on all reports from previous school, external agencies and student logins
- Teacher to organise parent/carer introduction meeting
- Case manager appointed if student requires IEP/BMP/GEP

Students

Exit from NPS

- Student documentation transferred to new school by front office
- If required a transition report is to be completed by the class teacher to forward to the new school
- For students with special needs, teacher and case manager to liaise with family and contact future school at family's request

Kindy - Pre primary

- Teacher to complete digital student transition file, with all required assessment completed
- Teacher to organise formal meeting with SAER case manager and next year level teacher in regards to all students on IEP/GEP/BMPs
- Student transition time scheduled into teaching and learning programs

Pre-primary to Year 1

- Teacher to complete digital student transition file, with all required assessment completed
- Teacher to organise formal meeting with SAER case manager and next year level teacher in regards to all students on IEP/GEP/BMPs
- Student transition time scheduled into teaching and learning programs
- Orientation session delivered by appropriate class teachers and administration to outline Year 1 processes to families

Year 1 - Year 6

- Teacher to complete digital student transition file, with all required assessment completed
- Teacher to organise formal meeting with SAER case manager and next year level teacher in regards to all students on IEP/GEP/BMPs