



Alkimos Primary School

Good Standing Policy

Introduction

The APS Good Standing Policy provides a system that assists in ensuring that all students (K-6) maintain satisfactory standards of behaviour throughout the year. It also aims to help Alkimos Primary's senior students prepare for the transition from primary to secondary school where students are expected to continue to develop more responsibility and self-control.

The Good Standing Policy does not replace the Behaviour Management Policy, but provides a specific standard of behaviour expected in order for students to maintain their Good Standing status. All parents/guardians are expected to support the Good Standing Policy and respect the school in implementing and enforcing the policy. Communication will be made with parents and support will be put in place to assist students who lose their Good Standing. All students and parents are made fully aware of the policy at the commencement of each year and is available at all times through the newsletter.

Individual classrooms may adopt systems of tracking good standing for students throughout the year. Where this is implemented, classroom teachers will notify families as to how this may look.

Decisions made by staff in managing student behaviour are not made lightly and we ask that these decisions are respected by parents and students.

Maintaining Good Standing requires:

- Behaving in a way that is appropriate and inclusive of staff and student rights (as indicated in the Behaviour Management Policy)
- Adherence to the School Rules (as indicated in the Behaviour Management Policy)

The loss of Good Standing may lead to school consequences including:

- Detentions (in school and during break times),
- Withdrawal from representation at school sporting events and/or in-term swimming lessons,
- Withdrawal from graduation activities,
- Ineligibility to attend class excursions and/or incursions,
- School suspension

Loss of Good Standing – Process:

All students begin each year with Good Standing status.

Loss of Good Standing can occur:

1. In the case of a school suspension, either in or out of school.
2. In the case of poor class behaviour:

- a) 3 referrals to School Leadership for ongoing disruptive behaviour in class. Parents will be given notice by email, letter or phone call on each occasion.
 - b) If a student exhibits any severe misbehaviour such as physical assault, verbal abuse, bullying or non-compliance.
3. In the case of poor playground behaviour:
- Student misbehaviour in the playground is dealt with in accordance with the Alkimos Primary School Behaviour Management Policy. Severe behaviour issues are referred to administration and usually occur through use of a red card.
4. Breach of school rules and/or policies. This may include but is not limited to, use of mobile phones and breach of uniform policy

Please note, for classroom and playground behaviour, red cards are used as a referral system to school administration for students demonstrating misbehaviour in the classroom or in the playground. On these occasions, school administration will decide on the severity of the behaviour and the implications on the student's Good Standing.

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Where a loss of Good Standing is considered, the final decision is made at the discretion of the School Leadership.

A formal letter will be issued to parents notifying them of loss of Good Standing, behaviour(s) that led to the decision and the criteria for Good Standing to be re-instated.

Students who receive loss of Good Standing will be required to discuss their behaviours with an Associate Principal or the Principal to negotiate a behaviour monitoring contract. The duration of this contract will last for a period of 10 consecutive school days, or a period decided by the Principal. Students who lose good standing for a second time will have a contract that will last for a minimum period of 20 consecutive school days. Upon successful completion of the contract, students will regain Good Standing status.

In the case of further loss of Good Standing, a timeline to have this re-instated will be negotiated with the Principal.