

The Code of School Behaviour

Better Behaviour Better Learning



Leichhardt State School

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students based on *The Code of School Behaviour*

1. Purpose

Leichhardt 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

Leichhardt State School developed this plan in collaboration with our school community. Broad consultation with parents, staff and students was undertaken through the Positive Behaviour for Learning team, Well Being Team, staff meetings, student council meetings, forums and community meetings held during 2019.

The Plan was endorsed by the Principal, the President of the P&C and the Assistant Regional Director in Ipswich Region.

3. Learning and behaviour statement

All areas of Leichhardt 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 student learning programs. Our school-wide framework for managing behaviour is Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to inappropriate and unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan, shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting Leichhardt 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 values to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour

- Gratitude
 - For community and self
- Respect
 - For learning and each other
- Teamwork
- Perseverance

Our school values are currently being embedded through the implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework agreed upon and endorsed by all staff and our school community. They are aligned with the values, principles and expected standards outlined in Education Queensland's *Code of School Behaviour*.

In addition, our school implements Social Emotional Learning based on Zones of Regulation, Kaleidoscope, Journey to the Island of Calm, Rock and Water, **Restorative Justice and Berry Street Education Model**

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

Universal Behaviour Support

The first step in facilitating standards of positive behaviour is communicating those standards to all students. At Leichhardt 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 designed to prevent inappropriate behaviour and provide a framework for responding to unacceptable behaviour.

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

- Values explicit teaching each week
- Explicit lessons created and taught across the school according to behaviour matrix
- Explicit teaching of Zones of Regulation
- Reinforcement of learning from behaviour lessons on School Assemblies and during active supervision by staff during classroom and non-classroom activities.

Matrix of Leichhardt School Values

	Looks Like	Sounds Like	Feels Like
Gratitude	 Noticing what you have People taking care of others Making others happy Helpful hands 	 I can help you Saying "I noticed" Using manners: "Thank you," "Please," "May I?" Friendly words Asking "Are you OK?" 	 Being appreciated Feeling loved Being part of a family Feeling safe
Respect	 Active listening Safe, careful behaviour towards others Taking care of property Putting others first Taking turns 	 Using kind, friendly, polite words Using manners, greeting others Telling the truth Walking quietly around the school 	 Appreciated, grateful Being part of a team Safe Calm, relaxed, friendly Belonging
Teamwork	 Sharing and taking turns Getting along Co-operation – helping each other Collaboration – working together Respect for everyone 	 Encouraging "You can do it!" Praising "You did it!" Asking and accepting help Calm, friendly words 	 Safe and respectful Belonging Using growth mindset – reaching our goal Valued and part of the team
Perseverance	 Having a go Persisting to work towards a goal Finishing what you start Trying your best 	 You can do it! Encouraging others Positive green thoughts What could I do differently? I gave it my best 	 Success and pride in reaching your goal Our brain growing and learning Hard and frustrating at times Believing in yourself Never giving up

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

- Regular updates in the school newsletter, enabling parents to be actively and positively involved in school behaviour expectations.
- Student Welfare Officer & School Leadership team members' regular provision of information to staff and parents, and support to others in sharing successful practices
- Comprehensive induction programs in the Leichhardt State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students delivered to new students as well as new and relief staff
- Individual learning plan developed with students, parents and relevant specialists (where appropriate) for students who demonstrate repeated inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour to provide a personal framework of positive behaviour expectations and actions and to enable staff to provide consistent strategies or adjustments across all learning environments.
- Implementation of specific policies to address:
 - the use of personal property technology devices at school (Appendix 1)
 - procedures for preventing and responding to incidents of bullying (including cyberbullying and recording incidents for data collection) (Appendix 2)
 - procedures regarding the use or possession of weapons including knives and any other items that could be considered a weapon in school (Appendix 3).

Reinforcing expected school behaviour

At Leichhardt 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 is embedded. 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.

Reward	How?	When?
DOJOs – class prizes determined within class	Positive classroom behaviour (individual and team)	Ongoing (all the time in class)
Behaviour Paws Level 1: Blue; Level 2: Maroon; Level 3: Black; Level 4: Platinum	One level per term 90% attendance (no more than 5 days absent per term)	Last week of each term, bands will be awarded on Parade
Principal's Morning Tea	At school, on time, every day!	4 raffle tickets drawn on parade each week
Rule of the Week Certificate	One student from each class demonstrating rule of the week consistently	Certificate given on parade each week Positive behaviour in OneSchool
Rewards Day	Meeting behaviour goal	End of each term
Principal Awards	Rewarded for students completing outstanding work or reaching high goal	Ongoing
Leo's Pride Award	Student's nominated by all staff for showing school values	3 award winners drawn on parade each week
Academic and Perseverance Awards	One recipient per class for each award	End of Year Awards Parade
House Trophies/Awards	Awarded for best team at sporting events and team competitions	Sports days, various days throughout the year

Responding to unacceptable behaviour

Students come to school to learn. Behaviour support represents an important opportunity for learning how to get along with others.

Leichhardt State School Playtime expectations

During play break students have the choice to access a variety of activities. Students go directly to the activity they have chosen to do. The two rules to follow are: stay with your group, and do no harm. If students do not follow these two rules, they are placed on a green monitoring card. They must get the staff member in charge of their activity to sign their card and given them a rating out of

five. A full week of signed activities with a rating of three or higher means that they have completed their monitoring card and can resume as normal. More serious incidents or failure to successfully complete the green monitoring card will result in a yellow/orange/red card. Yellow cards have a designated area for students to play in (determined by staff, suitable for individual students). On an orange card, students must spend half of their playtime at reflection and the remainder of the play at a designated area. A red card means that the student remains at the reflection room for the entire play time, with some time out and some closely supervised play to help teach necessary play skills.

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. Teachers utilise essential skills, give an adjusted curriculum task, a reminder and two redirections.

Our preferred way of re-directing low-level problem behaviour is to ask them 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. If student behaviour continued, student would be directed to break space for five minutes.

Targeted behaviour support: Respond Program – Individual Behaviour Plans

Each year a small number students at Leichhardt State School are identified through our data as needing a little bit extra in the way of targeted behavioural support. In most cases the inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour 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 Administration/Wellbeing staff and increased opportunities to receive positive reinforcement. Where required, adjustments are made to the Program through academic support, adult mentoring or intensive social skills training.

Individual Behaviour Plans are coordinated by the Administration/Wellbeing staff in consultation with the classroom teacher and parents. Students who require adjustments to behavioural expectations in the playground are made known to staff who will be supervising them and training on how these adjustments are to be administered if provided.

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

Intensive behaviour support: Student Support Services and/or Behaviour Team

Leichhardt 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 may need comprehensive systems of support that require regular reviews in consultation with parents/ caregivers and other relevant specialist staff. When appropriate, the Student Support Services will make a referral to the Behaviour Hub for support through a consultant who:

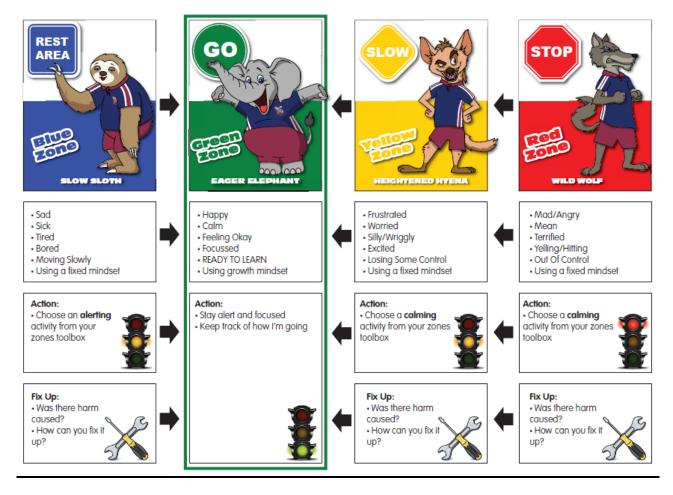
- works with other staff members to develop appropriate behaviour expectations and strategies
- monitors the impact of support for individual students through continuous data collection
- provides consistent strategies and adjustments outlined within the Individual Behaviour Plan, and
- works with the School Administration to achieve continuity and consistency.

The **Student Support Services** has a simple and quick referral system is in place. The Class Teacher will contact parent/guardian for permission to refer the student. 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 specialist behaviour services staff.

5. Consequences for inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour

Leichhardt State School makes systematic efforts to prevent inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour by teaching and reinforcing expected behaviours on an ongoing basis. When these behaviour incidents occur, it is important that consequences are predictable. Our school seeks to ensure that responses to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour are consistent and proportionate to the nature of the behaviour.



An office referral form (Appendix 4) is used to record all minor and major problem behaviour in the playground. Behaviour incidents are recorded on OneSchool for all other school settings. Classroom incidents follow the classroom behaviour flowchart (Appendix 8)

Minor and major behaviours

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

- Minor behaviour incidents are handled by staff members at the time it happens
- Major behaviour incidents are referred directly to the school Administration team

Minor problem behaviours are those that:

- are minor breaches 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 inappropriate behaviours
- do not require involvement of specialist support staff or Administration.

Minor problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- a minor consequence logically connected to the inappropriate behaviour, such as complete removal from an activity or event for a specified period of time, partial removal (time away), individual meeting with the student, apology, restitution or detention for work completion.
 - a re-direction process where a staff member takes the student aside and:
 - 1. names the behaviour that student is displaying
 - 2. asks student to name expected school behaviour
 - 3. states and explains expected school behaviour if necessary
 - 4. gives positive verbal acknowledgement for expected school behaviour
 - 5. may involve the use of restorative justice question
 - 6. may involve the recording on OneSchool due to the need of monitoring an increase in the patterns of behaviour

Major behaviours are those that:

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

Major behaviours result in an immediate referral to school Administration because of their seriousness. When major unacceptable behaviour occurs, staff members calmly state the behaviour and remind the student of expected school behaviour. The staff member then escorts the student to Administration. A report of the student's behaviour is recorded on OneSchool.

Major unacceptable behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- Level One: Time out, detention (see Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment procedure for guidelines), loss of privilege, restitution, warning regarding future consequence for repeated or persistent inappropriate behaviour.
- AND/OR
- Level Two: Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to special needs committee, referral for specialist behaviour services, suspension from school, behaviour improvement conditions.
- Level Three: Students who engage in serious unacceptable behaviours such as major violent physical assault or the use/supply or possession of weapons (including knives) or drugs may receive a Behaviour Improvement Condition or a School Disciplinary Absence (suspension or proposal/recommendation for exclusion) as a consequence of unacceptable behaviour.

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Time out	A principal or school staff may use time out as a strategy for students to manage their own behaviour and to assist the student to calm down.
	During time out, student is to be supervised and given an opportunity to rejoin class in intervals of no more than 10 minutes.
Detention	A principal or teacher may use detention as a consequence for disobedience, misconduct, or other breaches of school expectations.
	A detention is no more than 20 minutes during play time or 30 minutes after school (parent will be contacted before after school detention is imposed).
Temporary Removal	A principal or staff member of Leichhardt State School has the power to temporarily remove
of Property	property from a student, as per the procedure

Definition of consequences*

School Disciplinary		
Suspension	A principal may suspend a student from school under the following circumstances:	
	 disobedience by the student 	
	 misconduct by the student 	
	 other conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school. 	

Behaviour Improvement Condition	A principal may impose a behaviour improvement condition if the principal is reasonably satisfied that the student has engaged in behaviour that warrants the grounds for exclusion or other conduct that is so serious that suspension of the student from school is inadequate to deal with the behaviour.
	 A Behaviour Improvement Condition requires the student to undertake a behaviour management program arranged by the school's principal. The program must be: reasonably appropriate to the challenging behaviour conducted by an appropriately qualified person designed to help the student not to re-engage in the challenging behaviour no longer than three months.
Proposed exclusion or recommended exclusion	 A student may be suspended pending a decision to exclude when the student's behaviour is so serious that suspension of the student from the school would be inadequate to deal with the behaviour. A student may be suspended or excluded for the following reasons: disobedience misconduct other conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school, or breach of Behaviour Improvement Conditions.
Cancellation of enrolment	The enrolment of a post compulsory school age student may be cancelled if the student's behaviour amounts to a refusal to participate in the educational program provided at the school.

*Refer to departmental procedure <u>Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment</u> for further details.

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Bullying/Harassment	 Harassment (name calling, teasing, physical gestures) 	 Ongoing, targeted harassment of another person with or without provocation Targeted swearing Racial slurs Sexual harassment Cyber
Defiant/threat/s to adults	 Not following instructions Ignoring adults Verbal Threatening to assault 	 Intentionally targeting an object towards adult Constant ignoring/refusal to follow redirection etc Following through with threat
Disruptive	 Calling out Refusing direction Wandering around room 	 Throwing furniture Swearing Leaving room
Dress code	- Cap - Hoodie	 Inappropriate/racial/swearing Damaging school uniform (eg. scissors, vandalism)
IT misconduct	 No blood, no guns, no killing, no chat rooms Off task Swinging on chair 	 Racial images Sexual images Cyber bullying Damage to property
Late	 Less than 5 mins (or 10-15 minutes) Continual behaviour 	 Great than 5 minutes (or greater than 15 minutes) Behaviour when confronted
Lying/cheating	 Not accepting behaviour Leaving room when confronted Using other staff names falsely 	 Deny situation Blaming others in serious situation Cheating on test
Misconduct involving object	 Affecting self Vandalism of own property Pushing over items Throwing sand 	 Affecting others Vandalism of other's property Throwing items Threatening person with object School property Stealing Rocks/sticks/branch Using sport equipment to hurt others
Non-compliant with routine	 Wasting time Walking around in classroom 	 Walking off from an adult Out of bounds Ignoring instructions/defiance

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*Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. Other behaviours will be dealt with as appropriate.

Relate inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour to expected school behaviours

When responding to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviours, staff members ensure that students understand the relationship of the 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 an inappropriate or unacceptable 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 inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour

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

Students also receive training about how to respond when other students display inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour. The courteous way to respond when a staff member redirects a student's behaviour is taught and rehearsed to reduce the impact of peer engagement in the behaviour incident.

Student disciplinary absences (suspension and exclusion) may be considered:

- in the event of a serious, one-off behaviour incident or
- after consideration has been given to all other responses.

6. Emergency situation 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 unacceptable behaviour. This consistency ensures that actions taken are responsive to the safety and well-being of students and staff.

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 unacceptable behaviour is defined as behaviour of such intensity, frequency, or duration that the physical safety and well-being of the student or others is likely to be placed at serious risk.

Immediate Strategies

- Avoid escalating the unacceptable 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. Remember to 'Praise Publicly, Discipline Privately'.
- 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.
- Approach the student in a non-threatening manner Move slowly and deliberately toward the situation or incident, 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.

Reinforcement and Correction Strategies

- 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 unacceptable behaviour then remind them of the expected school behaviour and identify consequences of continued unacceptable behaviour.

Follow Up Strategies

- Restore normal school operations as soon as possible.
- Provide post incident opportunities that include:
 - Assisting any distressed student/s to access appropriate support, e.g. Guidance Officer.
 - Assisting the individual 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.
 - Recording a reflection or individual learning plan to assist the student to develop a personal framework of expectations and appropriate actions.

Physical Intervention

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

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

Appropriate physical intervention may be used to ensure that Leichhardt State School's staff demonstrate a duty of care to protect students and staff from foreseeable risks of injury. 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
- 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
- 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 reduce the risk of harm to self or others
- 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 following records must be maintained:

- School Incident Report (Appendix 5)
- Student Record of Incident (as per process for Natural Justice).

7. Network of student support

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

- Parents
- Teachers
- Support Staff
- Administration Staff
- Guidance Officer
- Advisory Visiting Teachers

- Wellbeing Staff
- Senior Guidance Officer
- School Chaplain
- Adopt a Cop Police Officer
- Indigenous Community Liaison Officer

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.

Leichhardt 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 information relevant to the students' age, gender, disability, cultural background, socioeconomic situation, mental health and wellbeing, emotional state (such as individualised learning plan or individual education plan), and
- 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
 - o receive adjustments appropriate to their learning and/or impairment needs
 - provide written or verbal statements that will be taken into consideration in the decision making processes
 - ensure that processes maintain the dignity, respect, privacy and confidentiality of the student, consistent with the rights of the rest of the community.

9. Related legislation

- Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- <u>Commonwealth Disability Standards for Education 2005</u>
- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006
- <u>Criminal Code Act 1899</u>
- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991
- Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000
- Judicial Review Act 1991
- Weapons Act 1990

- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
- <u>Right to Information Act 2009</u>
- Information Privacy (IP) Act 2009

10. Related procedures

- <u>Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment</u>
- Inclusive Education
- Enrolment in State Primary, Secondary and Special Schools
- Student Dress Code
- Student Protection
- Hostile People on School Premises, Wilful Disturbance and Trespass
- <u>Police and Child Safety Officer Interviews with Students, and Police Searches at State Educational</u> <u>Institutions</u>
- <u>Acceptable Use of the Department's Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Network</u> <u>and Systems</u>
- 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

- Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
- <u>Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses</u>
- National Safe Schools Framework
- <u>National Safe Schools Framework Resource Manual</u>
- <u>Working Together resources for schools</u>
- <u>Cybersafety and schools resources</u>
- Bullying. No way!
- Take a Stand Together

12. Endorsement

Principal

P&C President or Chair, School Council **Assistant Regional Director**

Effective Date: to

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.

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 disciplinary consequences.

Confiscation

Permitted personal technology devices 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 during assemblies or classes. Personal technology devices may be used at morning tea and lunch breaks and before and after school.

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 Leichhardt State School. Students using personal technology devices to record inappropriate behaviours or incidents (such as vandalism, fighting, bullying, staged fighting or pranks etc) to disseminate to others (including distribution by phone or internet posting) build 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 school student 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 bullying¹, including racial and sexual harassment, or where without such intent a reasonable person would conclude that such outcomes may have or will occur.

Students involved in:

- recording; and/or
- disseminating material (through text messaging, display, internet uploading etc); and/or,
- knowingly being a subject of a recording

Breach of this policy may be subject to discipline (including suspension and proposal/recommendation for exclusion).

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

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 the 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.

¹ Education Queensland does not tolerate bullying behaviour at schools. This includes bullying conducted by electronic means.

Special Circumstances Arrangement

Students who require the use of a personal assistive 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.

Inappropriate behaviour outside of school hours

Students may receive disciplinary consequences for bullying or cyberbullying or other inappropriate online behaviour that occurs out of school hours, and affects the good order and management of the school.

* Personal Technology Devices include, but are not limited to the following devices; portable gaming devices, the IPhone, IPod, IPod Touch or IPad, Tamagotchi® and similar games, laptop computers, PDAs, Blackberries®, cameras and/or voice recording devices (whether or not integrated with a mobile phone or MP3 player), mobile telephones and devices of a similar nature.

Appendix 2

Procedures for Preventing and Responding to Incidents of Bullying (including Cyberbullying)

<u>Purpose</u>

- 1. Leichhardt State School strives to create positive, predictable environments for all students at all times of the day. The disciplined 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.
- 2. There is no place for bullying in Leichhardt State School. Research indicates that both those being 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.
- 3. Bullying behaviours that will not be tolerated at Leichhardt 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.
- 4. Bullying may be related to:
 - race, religion or culture
 - disability
 - appearance or health conditions
 - sexual orientation
 - sexist or sexual language
 - young carers or children in care.
- 5. At Leichhardt 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

6. Research indicates that many problem behaviours are peer-maintained. 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 response to all problem behaviour, including bullying, in such a way that those who bully are not socially reinforced for demonstrating it.

7. The anti-bullying procedures at Leichhardt State School are an addition to our already research-validated schoolwide 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

- 8. 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 schoolwide 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 4 school values 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 nonclassroom 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.
- 9. Cyberbullying often does not occur at school. Students are explicitly taught Cybersafety for example how to safely conduct and internet search, what cyberbullying is and what they should do if they receive unwanted messages including for example:
 - Not to respond to messages but keep them to report to parents and/or teachers immediately
 - Report any instances they see as a bystander of cyberbullying to parents and/or teachers immediately.

School Administration will then investigate and respond to any incident of cyberbullying.

- 10. The student curriculum modules of the anti-bullying process consist of lessons taught by all teachers in all classrooms to a schoolwide schedule of instruction. At all times simultaneous instruction is our goal, in order to maintain consistency of skill acquisition across the school.
- 11. An initial introductory lesson is delivered, which teaches the HI-Five process 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.

- 12. 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 Leichhardt 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'.
- 13. Leichhardt State School 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.

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP LEICHHARDT STATE SCHOOL SAFE

We can work together to keep knives out of school. At LEICHHARDT STATE SCHOOL

- Every student has the right to feel safe and be safe at school.
- No knives are allowed to be taken to school by students.
- There is no reason for a student to have a knife at school, and it is against the law for a student to have a knife at school.

If a student has a knife a school, they can expect serious consequences, such as fines and possibly jail. Longer jail sentences can be given to young people if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

What kinds of knife are banned?

- No knives of any type are allowed at school, including flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives, butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives, or any item that can be used as a weapon, for example a chisel.
- Knives needed for school activities will be provided by the school, and the use of them will be supervised by school staff.
- In circumstances where students are required to have their own knives or sharp tools for particular subjects or vocational courses, the school will provide information about the procedures for carrying and storing these items at school.

The Principal or his/her delegate can take action against a student who brings a knife to school.

- If a student has a knife at school, principals can inform the police.
- Possessing a knife at school may result in serious disciplinary consequences including suspension and in severe cases recommendation for exclusion.
- Police can search a student and their property at school if they suspect a student has a knife.
- A student may be charged with a criminal offence and may face serious consequences if convicted, including a fine or jail.
- School property such as desks or lockers may be searched if the principal suspects that a student has a knife on or in school property.
- If the principal suspects the student has a knife in their bag, the bag may be temporarily confiscated until police arrive.
- If the student does have a knife at school, it can be confiscated by the principal and given to the police.

How can parents help to keep LEICHHARDT STATE SCHOOL safe?

- Make sure your child knows what the laws and rules are about knives.
- Do not include knives or knife tools in children's lunch boxes, pencil cases or craft kits.
- Contact your school principal if you believe your child is being bullied or threatened at school.
- If you want to talk about students and knives at school, please contact the Principal.

Appendix 4

-Before schoolPlaytimeClassAfter school-
Class:
Activity:
opened, including what happened prior to incident)
/harassment; Defiant/threat/s to adults; Disruptive; Dress ng/cheating; Misconduct involving object; Non-compliant
prejudicial to good order; Physical misconduct; Prohibited Refusal to participate in program of instruction; Substance
volving tobacco or legal substance; Third minor referral;
ip class; Verbal misconduct; Other)
~ Walk with me
~ First/Then
~ Zones redirection
~ Other
tention, tangible object, activity/event, sensory stimulation

	Behaviour Referral			
Date://	Before schoolPlaytimeClassAfter school-			
Student:	Class:			
Location:	Activity:			
Incident Details: (what happened, including what happened prior to incident)				
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Other witnesses:				
Initial behaviour:				
CHOOSE ONE ONLY (Bullying/harassment; Defiant/threat/s to adults; Disruptive; Dress code; IT misconduct; Late; Lying/cheating; Misconduct involving object; Non-compliant with routine; Other conduct prejudicial to good order; Physical misconduct; Prohibited items; Property misconduct; Refusal to participate in program of instruction; Substance misconduct involving illicit/involving tobacco or legal substance; Third minor referral; Threat/s to others; Truant/skip class; Verbal misconduct; Other)				
Strategies Used:				
~ Natural Consequence	~ Walk with me			
~ Redirection	~ First/Then			
~ Sit out of play	~ Zones redirection			
~ Warning Motivation for behaviour:	~ Other			
<u>Motivation for benaviour:</u> Obtain – peer attention, adult attention, tangible object, activity/event, sensory stimulation Avoid - peer attention, adult attention, tangible object, activity/event, sensory stimulation Don't know				
Staff member:				

Appendix 5

