

Behaviour Code for Students

NSW Public Schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe and inclusive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model prosocial behaviours for our students to develop and maintain a school environment where all feel safe, valued and able to learn. Students are expected to abide by this behaviour code.

All students have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in a school environment free of bullying, harassment, intimidation, victimisation, discrimination and continued disruption. All students have a right to an education, where they can access and fully participate in learning.

In NSW public schools, students are expected to:

- respect all students, staff, community members, property and the school environment
- follow school and class expectations
- apply themselves fully to their learning
- follow and comply with school guidelines and department policies and procedures
- attend school every day.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

The NSW Department of Education and local schools implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and positive behaviour.

Respect

- Treat each other with dignity
- Cooperate with others
- Build and maintain positive relationships that value and protect the interests, ability and diversity of others
- Responsible use of and protection of property, the school and its environment

Safety

- Follow departmental, school and class rules
- Take personal responsibility for own words, behaviour and actions
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with respect to others' perspectives, emotional states and needs
- Make responsible decisions that consider the risk, safety and benefit to self and others
- Model safe and inclusive behaviour to other students
- Not be violent, bring weapons or prohibited drugs

Engagement

- Attend school and class on time
- Be prepared for learning
- Actively participate in learning
- Work cooperatively with others

The principal and staff use their professional judgement to maintain appropriate behaviour and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments.

The department provides policies, procedures and resources to guide and support principals and school staff in making decisions around supporting and managing student behaviour to align with this code.