



Behaviour Management – Secondary School

2018

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT – SECONDARY SCHOOL

Source of Obligation

The WA Registration Standards (Standard 14) require that Dale Christian School ensures that it provides positive guidance and encouragement towards acceptable behaviour and are given opportunities to interact and develop respectful and positive relationships with each other and with staff members and volunteers.

Discipline Policy

Every student has the right to a learning environment that is free from bullying and intimidation and to feel safe and happy at school. They also have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity. Discipline is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of all our students, teachers and staff and to provide a conducive learning environment. This Student Discipline Policy sets the framework through which Dale Christian School manages student behaviour, discipline and punishment.

Strategies to Promote Good Discipline

Dale Christian School seeks to develop a culture of positive discipline by setting clear expectations of students and encouraging positive behaviour. Strategies for developing this culture include:

- clearly setting behaviour expectations;
- establishing specific teaching and learning programs;
- communicating expectations with the wider school community;
- acknowledging positive behaviours in a range of ways from informal verbal acknowledgement through to structured merit awards; and
- maintaining records with respect to student behaviour.
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Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

It is our policy that: we prohibit corporal punishment;

- and we prohibit other *degrading punishments*, meaning any punishment which is incompatible with respect for human dignity, including corporal punishment and non-physical punishment which belittles, humiliates, denigrates, scapegoats, threatens, scares or ridicules a child;
- and we do not explicitly or implicitly sanction the administering of corporal or degrading punishment by non-school persons, including parents, to enforce discipline at the school.

The use of any corporal or degrading punishment by a staff member is strictly prohibited. Any staff member who breaches this rule will be subject to disciplinary proceedings which may include dismissal.

Dale Christian School has a behaviour policy that is outlined below:

A. MANAGING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Power Points

- a) Students are encouraged to work consistently in the classroom, respecting the rights of every individual. 'Power Points' are given to students who demonstrate:
 - good attitude and behaviour
 - leadership qualities
 - pride in their uniform
 - support and care of their peers
 - sportsmanship qualities
 - academic achievement
 - support for the ethos and values of school
 - consistent attention to homework
- b) The 'Power Points' are a way for the teacher to recognise and reward positive behaviour and attitudes in the students.
- c) At each Secondary School assembly (occurs fortnightly), three students will be randomly chosen from the 'Power Point Box' and awarded a \$10 prize.
- d) At the end of each Semester, students who did not receive a detention will be rewarded.

B. MANAGING NEGATIVE BEHAVIOUR

Level 1

- 1) Name on Board.
- 2) Two crosses against the student's name will result in a detention at lunch time.
- 3) Detention will be recorded in Sentral and a text sent home by Student Services to advise parents.
- 4) Severe inappropriate behaviour will warrant immediate consequences as deemed appropriate by the Teacher, Deputy Principal and/or Principal.

Note:- Sent to office = 1 detention
Students receive a clean slate at the start of each semester (except for level 3).
Three detentions in one term = move to level two.
No show = two detentions.

Level 2

A student moves to Level two if three full detentions in Level 1's are received in a Term. A student will complete an after-school detention between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. Parents will be contacted by the Deputy Principal. Students receive a "clean slate" at the beginning of each Semester.

Note: 2 after school detentions in a Semester will result in a student moving to Level 3. This has become serious and the student's slate will not be cleared after the semester.

Level 3

When two after school detentions occur in a semester the student may be suspended for two days. Parents will be contacted by the Principal and the School Board will be advised. One of the following will occur:

- A one month 'no detentions' probation period.
- A one-term 'no detentions' probation period.

Should there be further detentions issued during that time, the student's enrolment will probably be terminated. The board will be consulted at this point and give direction.

C. SERIOUS INCIDENTS

Seriously abusive and inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with in a calm and controlled manner. Seriously abusive behaviour is defined as:

- Severe bullying (physical, Indecent inappropriate, verbal or cyberbullying)
- Violent behaviour – physical and verbal abuse
- Running away from the school area
- Drugs and implements
- Alcohol and Smoking
- Explicit or undesirable material which is deemed inappropriate at a Christian School eg. Books with spells and incantations, nudity in literature or online.
- Behaviour deemed very inappropriate at a Christian School.
- Swearing/abuse towards Staff

In all situations the student should be taken immediately to the Principal or the Principal informed of the situation.

Serious behaviors result in:

- 1) Suspension pending investigation/ parent contacted.
- 2) Parental interview with Principal.
- 3) School Board informed.
- 4) Student enrolment may be terminated or the probation conditions will continue.

D. OTHER BEHAVIOURS

a) If students arrive without the necessary equipment for a lesson, the following will happen:

- 1) Warning (verbal).
- 2) No response, text sent by Student Services.
- 3) No response, parents are contacted by Administration.

b) If students are late to class:

- 1) They will sit for 10 minutes in detention room for the first two times.
- 2) A third time, students will sit a full detention.
- 3) No response or change, parents contacted by Administration.

c) If students fail to complete homework:

- 1) Warning given by teacher. The homework must be handed in the next day. If not returned the following day, students will sit a detention.
- 2) No response, text sent home by Student Services.
- 3) No response, Parents/Guardians will be contacted by Administration.

d) If student fails to bring signed diary:

- 1) They will sit for 10 minutes in detention room for the first two times.
- 2) A third time, students will sit a full detention.
- 3) No response or change, parents contacted by Administration.

Where three or more texts are sent home regarding homework, students are to attend a homework class during lunch time after each subsequent failure to hand in their homework.

Students with three or more detentions in Term four or those who do not attend the Secondary School Presentation Night will NOT be permitted to go to the End of Year Excursion.



