

Port Wakefield Primary School

Behaviour Support Policy



Our School Vision

At Port Wakefield Primary School we are committed to the empowering our community to be positive, courageous and dynamic learners.

At Port Wakefield Primary School we value:

Learning

Respect

Honesty

Teamwork

At Port Wakefield Primary School we believe that appropriate behaviour is best learned through explicit teaching and modelling of positive and respectful social interactions. We support this through having clear and equitable expectations and a whole school approach to the development of social skills and appropriate behaviour.

Rights

At Port Wakefield Primary School individuals are respectful of the feelings, rights and traditions of others. This is achieved through the provision of a supportive environment free from fear, abuse, insult, intimidation and threat.

Responsibilities

Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat others as you would like them to treat you • Be brave – participate to progress • Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with • Have reasons for the things you say and do • Do the right thing because it is the best thing to do
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an engaging, rigorous curriculum • Provide equitable access to the curriculum • Provide a safe and caring learning environment • Use specific and consistent language • Ensure open communication with parents/caregivers to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children
Parents/Caregivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be open and respectful to the views and beliefs of others • Encourage and model school values • Acknowledge and verbalise the value of education • Participate in your child's learning • Ensure your child attends and is punctual • Ensure open and prompt communication with teachers to ensure the best possible outcome for all children



Behaviour Definitions

Positive Behaviour

Is defined as being respectful, responsible and supportive of the rights of ourselves and others and conducive to learning.

This is clearly identified in the Port Wakefield Primary School Values.

- Learning is shown when we attend school on time, focus and participate fully in learning activities, complete set tasks, ask for help when needed, let others work without interruption and value and learn from each other
- Respect self and treat others with consideration and understanding, respect another person's point of view, respect the property of others and treat others fairly
- Honesty is shown when we are accountable for our own actions, speak the truth even when it is difficult, admit when we are wrong, follow the rules, show our emotions, share constructive feedback and return something that does not belong to us
- Teamwork is shown when we work together to achieve goals with respect, meet team deadlines, carry out roles in a responsible way, value differences, contribute in a positive manner, have pride in what we do, give our best, listen to and value the opinions of others

Inappropriate Behaviour

Is defined as behaviour that is not appropriate for the school setting. It may be annoying, disruptive, unsafe or impolite. Examples of this include:

- Rough play
- Behaviours that are disrupting the learning of others
- Unintentional swearing
- Not following adult instructions
- Encouraging others to do the wrong thing
- Single harassment incidents
- Not participating
- Not attempting to do your best

Unacceptable Behaviour

Is defined as acting in a manner that threatens the safety or wellbeing of a student, member of staff or other person through:

- Repeated harassment becomes bullying (Refer to anti-bullying policy)
- Intentional swearing
- Physical violence
- Threatening behaviour
- Sexual harassment
- Racism
- Illegal behaviour



School responses to behaviour

Positive behaviour

At Port Wakefield Primary School we focus on teaching behavioural skills through explicit instruction. We have a number of whole school strategies that support individual, class and whole school positive behaviours. Positive behaviour is recognised in a variety of ways and may vary from class to class.

Whole School

At a whole school level this includes:

- A focus on the importance of relationships and interpersonal skills
- Celebration days
- Newsletters
- Assemblies

Class

At a classroom level this includes:

- Inclusive, proactive and responsive approaches to meet individual needs
- Verbal/non-verbal praise
- Class rewards
- Special class or yard activities

Inappropriate behaviour

Consequences to inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Yard

Where possible, logical consequences will be used.

These may include but are not limited to:

- Restorative conversation between students led by yard duty teacher
- Walking with the teacher
- Community service
- Demonstrating the correct behaviour
- Apologising

Class

Each class will have variations based on the following process:

- A reminder, stated positively, that identifies the correct behaviour
- Depending on the nature of the incident, year level of the student, etc. appropriate action taken

Appropriate actions may include:

- Using breaks or calming activities
- Diversion
- Restorative conversations
- Goal setting
- Parent contact
- Office time out
- Take home

Unacceptable behaviour

All cases of unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with on an individual basis. Procedures do not necessarily follow in a linear pattern but are taken on a case by case basis, age appropriate and negotiated with the leadership team. Ongoing communication between all parties involved is expected and supported.

This will involve any or a combination of the following processes:

- Alternative designated play areas
- Behaviour plans
- Office time out
- Take Home
- Student/Parent/Teacher meeting
- Parent/Leadership meeting
- Restorative conferencing
- Involvement of DfE Support Services
- Involvement of External Service Providers
- Internal/External Suspensions
- Contact with SAPOL
- Exclusion



Below you will find the links to DfE and Port Wakefield Primary School websites that are supportive of this policy and will provide you with further information.

[Port Wakefield Primary School - Department for Education \(portwakefieldps.sa.edu.au\)](http://portwakefieldps.sa.edu.au)

On this page you will find:

- Anti-bullying policy
- Grievance Procedure
- Mobile Device Policy
- School Dress Code Policy

[Department for Education | South Australia](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (www.

On the Department for Education website you will find policies and useful information relating to:

- Student Discipline and Behaviour Policies
- Bullying
- Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

The following websites have been identified as being useful, informative and user-friendly

[Bullying No Way \(www.bullyingnoway.gov.au\)](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

[Online safety | eSafety Commissioner \(www.esafety.gov.au\)](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

