



## Heathridge Primary School Good Standing Policy

At Heathridge Primary School we aim to provide a quality, inclusive learning environment in which all students are inspired to become respectful and confident citizens with a sense of belonging. All students are given the status of 'Good Standing' at the beginning of each year. 'Good Standing' allows students to access the full array of school programs, initiatives, incursions and excursions designed or delivered by the school. Therefore, we have developed a Good Standing Policy in support of the Minister for Education's plan to reduce violence in schools and improve behaviour.

Our Good Standing Policy supports our vision and our core values and beliefs. Values play an important part of the curriculum and culture at Heathridge Primary School. We have 12 core values that students are encouraged to demonstrate. Our 12 core values are: respect, integrity, responsibility, resilience, tolerance, good manners, kindness, perseverance, confidence, honesty, cooperation and courage.

It is the responsibility of each student to maintain their 'Good Standing'.

### To Maintain 'Good Standing' students must:

- Comply with the Heathridge Primary School's Behaviour Management Policy.
- Adhere to the Heathridge Primary School Rules, Classroom Policy & Procedures.

### Rewards for maintaining 'Good Standing' status:

Students with 'Good Standing' are eligible to:

- Participate in all extra-curricular activities on and off site during school hours and after hours.
- Receive whole classroom/school rewards.
- Special jobs and responsibilities.

### Loss of 'Good Standing' status:

A student's 'Good Standing' status can only be withdrawn by a member of the School Leadership Team for the following reasons:

- Repeated referrals to Administration for misbehaviour.
- Being suspended for any period of time.
- Physical abuse with the intention to harm.
- Verbal/emotional abuse intended to cause harm or distress.
- Intentionally damaging property or school grounds.
- Repeatedly making poor choices in the classroom and or playground.

NOTE: A decision to withdraw or maintain 'Good Standing' at any time will be at the discretion of the Principal.

### **Consequences of losing 'Good Standing' status:**

Any student who loses their 'Good Standing' may:

- Lose the privilege to participate in various events throughout the school year. Examples: excursions, camps, interschool sporting events, sports days and nominating for school leadership positions.
- Lose the privilege to participate in activities where the safety and well-being of other students is a concern.
- Lose the privilege to attend after school events including P&C events, open-night.

### **NOTE:**

- If a School or Faction Captain loses their 'Good Standing', they lose their badge and their right to represent the school for a five-week period.
- A Student Leader who loses their 'Good Standing' three times in a year will forfeit their badge permanently and the student who rated the next highest in the voting will be awarded the position.
- In some circumstances parents and guardians of students 'at risk' of losing their 'Good Standing' may be contacted prior to the loss through a phone call and then on loss of 'Good Standing', formally via letter.
- A student who has lost their 'Good Standing' must still attend school.
- If a student is suspended, the time that their 'Good Standing' has been lost commences on the first day of suspension, not on the day they return to school.

### **Severe Clause:**

Students may lose the privilege to participate in activities where the safety of other students is a concern. Any form of violence will result in the immediate loss of 'Good Standing'.

Students who lose their 'Good Standing' three times in a year may not earn their 'Good Standing' back and jeopardise their participation in sporting carnivals, camps, incursions and excursions etc.

### **Regaining 'Good Standing'**

A period of 10 school days applies as the minimum a student can lose their 'Good Standing' but this period is dependent upon the School Leadership Team decision and may be increased to a 5-week period at the discretion of the Principal. The 'Good Standing' Policy is provided to maintain consistency in our decision making processes. It is important to note that these are guidelines and if:

- There are extenuating circumstances that have resulted in the negative behaviours
- A student has special needs
- There is a significant period of positive behaviour since the previous negative behaviour

Then, these factors will be taken into account and any decision to withdraw or maintain 'Good Standing' will be at the discretion of the Principal.

### **To reinstate their 'Good Standing' a student must:**

- Adhere to the school's Behaviour Management Policy and rules for the period of 10 consecutive school days (minimum) and up to a 5-week period (maximum) with no incidents or referrals to the office or Buddy Class.
- During their period of loss of 'Good Standing', a student will not participate in any extra curricula activities organised by the school or P&C.