



Lake Joondalup Baptist College

Responsible Behaviour Policy

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Rationale

Lake Joondalup Baptist College is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for managing student behaviour and for creating safe, orderly, productive and successful learning spaces. This policy and the Charter of Goodwill are based on the following shared principles:

- Lake Joondalup Baptist College operates within the context of the wider community and has the responsibility to prepare young people for successful participation in society
- all individuals and groups should be treated with respect
- behaviours have consequences which increase or reduce immediate and future choices
- individuals must accept responsibility for their own behaviour according to their developmental ability.

Aims

The Responsible Behaviour Policy and The Charter of Goodwill aim to ensure a safe and supportive environment for learning and behaviour that reinforces College values. The policy and code outline the responsibilities of staff, students and parents to promote appropriate and positive conduct and to prevent or minimise non-compliant and aggressive behaviours. The range of responses to inappropriate behaviours is documented as part of the Charter of Goodwill.

Implementation

The Pastoral Care Team and Heads of Learning have oversight of the implementation of the Responsible Behaviour Policy and The Charter of Goodwill. The Dean of Students, Dean of Primary and the College Principal have specific responsibilities for ensuring that the document is:

- regularly reviewed, in consultation with the Dean of Students, Dean of Primary and the House Leaders/Head of House
- made accessible to the College community
- to ensure that parents are aware of the College's decision-making procedures open to them if they wish to make a complaint.

Responsibilities of teaching staff:

- develop and foster positive relationships with students and families
- communicate and interact effectively with students and engage in cooperative restorative relationships to address issues faced by the learning area
- participate in developing, implementing and reviewing the school's procedures for managing student behaviour
- establish, maintain, make explicit and model the College expectations relating to student behaviour
- respond positively to responsible student behaviour and apply consequences if student behaviour interferes with teaching and learning and the safe school environment.

Responsibilities of Parents and Legal Guardians:

When enrolling a student at the College, parents/legal guardians accept responsibility to:

- ensure that the student attends school and that school staff are notified of absences
- keep the College informed of physical, medical and mental health issues, behaviour concerns or other matters of relevance
- comply with Department of Education Acts and all College policies.

Introduction

Lake Joondalup Baptist College students have the right to receive a quality education and to be provided with a safe, caring and supportive environment for learning.

At LJBC we aim to create a learning environment that:

- provides an opportunity for all students to reach their learning potential
- ensures the safety of students and staff
- promotes student and staff wellbeing
- fosters confidence, responsibility and self-discipline
- assists students who may exhibit challenging behaviours to accept responsibility for themselves and their actions
- provides a social framework allowing every student to learn and succeed
- cultivates integrity and mutual respect.

Charter of Goodwill

All students and teachers have the right to:

1. Learn or teach, free from disruption
2. Be treated courteously
3. Be free from any form of unlawful discrimination
4. Work in a clean, safe and healthy environment
5. Have their property respected and cared for.

'Love does no harm to its neighbour' Romans 13:10

Our College Values

Kindness, Respect and Fairness are the foundation for building positive relationships and promoting responsible behaviour.

Kindness

The act of going out of your way to be nice to someone or show a person you care. If you see someone who looks upset or down, just simply smile and say hello to them, maybe strike up a conversation.

Respect

We are accountable for our actions, treat others with consideration and care, celebrate our diverse backgrounds, interests and strengths and show regard for our school and the environment.

Fairness

When we treat others as we would like to be treated and we provide everyone with opportunities to succeed, we are showing fairness.

Behaviour is an Educative Process

At Lake Joondalup Baptist College we regard student behaviour as an educative process with a focus on restorative principles and practices.

Corporal punishment

"Corporal punishment" or any other degrading punishment is defined as any deliberate action taken with the intention of causing physical pain or discomfort. Corporal punishment is not condoned or permitted in any form at Lake Joondalup Baptist College.

Naming and shaming

We never name and shame. Writing the name of a student on the board and placing ticks by the name, or sending emails with student photographs to staff is contrary to the College's guiding principles for supporting behaviour for learning.

We expect students to:

- (a) Foster a positive learning environment by:
 - treating all members of the College community with respect and courtesy
 - being tolerant and considerate of others and respecting their rights and property
 - following instructions
 - being punctual and regular in attendance
 - making use of the educational opportunities offered by the College and working to the best of their ability.
- (b) Promote a positive College image and climate by:
 - behaving in a manner that reflects the College values and behaviour standards in all College related activities, at school and in the community
 - wearing the agreed College uniform well
 - not possessing or using cigarettes, alcohol, e-cigarettes, illicit drugs or related implements on school premises or during College related activities
 - not possessing weapons/firearms and or other dangerous prohibited items on the College premises or during College related activities
 - not promoting or being involved in inappropriate activities on the College premises or in public spaces, including vandalism and other anti-social behaviours
 - remaining on the College grounds unless given express permission by a parent/legal guardian and authorised by the relevant staff member of the College.
- (c) Maintain a safe and clean school environment by:
 - ensuring one's own safety and the safety of others
 - contributing to a clean school environment
 - recycling where appropriate
 - protecting the College's natural environment (green zones).

Responsibilities of Staff

Staff have responsibility in ensuring that behaviour management at Lake Joondalup Baptist College occurs in a mutually supportive and cooperative manner.

- In particular, classroom teachers are expected to:
- have responsibility for managing student behaviour in their classroom and during designated duty and other supervision times. They may be called upon to assist other staff members in managing student behaviour, consult with their Head of Learning Area or Teacher In Charge concerning students who are exhibiting persistent, low-level disruptive behaviour and to discuss appropriate management strategies.
- structure the teaching program to facilitate learning and encourage students to achieve their personal best
- cater for the developmental, social and emotional needs of individual students and use a range of teaching methods
- provide formal and informal feedback on student learning to students and parents/legal guardians, and review teaching programs in the light of student learning outcomes.
- take into account the impact of physical and intellectual disability, trauma and disadvantage in relation to the learning process.

The Heads of Learning Area have:

- the responsibility for the overall management of student behaviour in their Learning Area, assisting their staff in managing student behaviour and liaising with the Heads of House in situations that require school consequences and responses.

Develop classroom management strategies which:

- involve negotiation and respect
- support the participation of all students
- value differences in gender and the cultural and linguistic backgrounds of students
- acknowledge positive learning and social behaviours
- deal effectively with sexual harassment, racism and bullying
- establish and maintain safe and supportive learning environments.

The Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team aims to create a supportive environment by attending to students' individual and collective emotional and social needs. The Pastoral Care team is responsible for providing teaching staff with information about students which may affect or influence learning outcomes and behaviour. Heads of House are responsible for providing teachers with written and verbal feedback about students arising from parental case conferences.

Responsibilities of Parents

- support the implementation of the Responsible Behaviour Policy throughout the College
- ensure their child attends school regularly, is punctual and dressed in the appropriate College uniform.

Responses to Inappropriate Behaviour

Lake Joondalup Baptist College expects responsible behaviour from all students. We encourage students to exercise self-discipline, respect for the rights of others and to take responsibility for their own actions. When behaviour is inappropriate we are guided by the core concepts of restorative practices. Consequences are therefore applied with the following in mind:

- are they appropriate in terms of the level of severity
- are they consistent in application
- are they mindful of special circumstances
- do they address any harm done (restitution where appropriate)
- do they facilitate the restoration of positive relationships between offender and offended.

In applying consequences for unacceptable student behaviour, the individual circumstances and actions of the student and the needs and rights of the College community will be considered. Access to alternative programs and input from other agencies may be necessary for students who repeatedly behave inappropriately.

Primary Students Response Chart

When children make poor behaviour choices, it is important that there are clear and consistent consequences.

| | Behaviours | Consequence/Action |
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| <p>Level 1 Dealt with at time and place</p> <p>STOP TO THINK</p> | <p>Out of bounds/playing in the toilets/ not responding to bells/running around buildings/leaving area without permission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsatisfactory completion of task (refer to classroom behaviour consequence steps) • Unsafe play – running on concrete, climbing objects, etc • Low level non-compliance • Minor disagreements • Deliberately annoying others/ disrupting games • Not wearing hat during outdoor play • Littering • Wasting time/tardiness | <p>STOP & THINK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk with teacher (point out boundaries, rules, etc/sit on seat) • Find another game/play space • Expected Behaviour retaught & rehearsed • Modelling correct behaviour • Use conflict resolution strategies with students involved • Verbal reminder/redirection • High five – show me 5 people doing the right thing (following the rule) – high five and return to playing • Record incident on SEQTA <p>At Teacher's Discretion</p> |
| <p>Level 2 All Level 2 Incidents are recorded on Teacher Assistant</p> <p>CHANGE DIRECTION</p> | <p>Repeated Level 1 infractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing (indirect), confronting others, teasing, aggressive behaviour • Pushing, tackling, fighting games (pretending to fight) • Inciting violence • Mistreating property/equipment/flora/structures – minor • Throwing/kicking other people's property • Disrupting the class lessons (see classroom behaviour consequences steps) • Walking away from a teacher or failure to respond, being impolite • Racist/sexist comments and harassment (incidental – offensive, without realising the full connotations) | <p>Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected Behaviour retaught & rehearsed (Role Playing, etc) • Put things right/Restorative Practices (Apology: written, verbal, creative – artwork, song, etc) • Time out – at area where behaviour occurred (reflection time) • Data collection – record incidents and assess if there is a pattern <p>At Teacher's Discretion</p> |
| <p>Level 3 All level 3 Incidents are referred to the Primary Student Engagement Leader</p> <p>TIME TO REFLECT</p> | <p>Repeated Level 2 breaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting/violence • Bullying/intimidation/repeated threats/purposeful racism/sexism • Verbal abuse • Swearing (directed at others - staff/students) • Serious theft • Vandalism/graffiti on school or other's property • Behaviour causing injury to another • Inappropriate sexualised behaviours • Serious breaches of College policy (the Charter of Goodwill/IT Agreement/etc) • Biting • Spitting (directed) | <p>Head of Primary Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer incident to Head of Primary Students (Interview to collect data) • Withdraw from playground/peers to office (Time out) • Loss of privileges • Individual Behaviour Plan • Contact parent/s • Put things right/Restorative Practices (Apology: written, verbal, creative – artwork, song, etc) • BIP – Behaviour Improvement Process • School suspension/exclusion <p>At Head of Primary Students Discretion</p> |

Secondary Students Response Chart

Some possible responses by staff, including teachers, Connect teachers, Heads of Learning and Heads of House to inappropriate behaviours are listed below. It should be made clear that the following responses are not necessarily sequential and that the level of response will be determined by the nature of the inappropriate behaviour.

| Issue | Consequence/Action | Who | TA Entry |
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| Low level in class behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsatisfactory completion of task Low level non-compliance Minor disagreements Deliberately annoying others/ disrupting games homework incomplete Inappropriate use of electronic device | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn student Change seating plan Keep in for part of lunch Yard/Rubbish Duty Remove the distraction | Classroom/Connect teacher | Yes For repeated low level offence after a warning |
| Out of class incident impacting the College community or environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running on concrete, climbing objects, out of bounds etc Throwing food at lunchtime | Lunchtime Community Service and warning of consequences for future incidents | Low level: Yard Duty Teacher – on the spot radio in to House Centre | Yes Behaviour entry |
| Not meeting uniform standards HoH will monitor repeat offenders | Uniform – resolve if possible If unresolvable, send to House Centre for uniform pass | Classroom/Connect teacher All teaching staff | Yes Uniform entry |
| Repeated classroom learning breaches | Loss of Privileges Refer to HoLA Parents to be informed | Teaching staff in consultation with the Head of Learning | Yes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unexplained absence Non completion of work Work not at an appropriate level Pattern of lateness Poor work ethic | Notice of Concern: email home and cc HoLA/HoH Warn students | All teaching staff & Attendance staff | Yes Academic Communication Attendance entry |
| Pattern of poor choice of behaviour Unsafe behaviour | Learning Area Class Withdrawal Contact parents | All teaching staff in consultation with the Head of Learning | Yes Behaviour entry |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truancy Repeated uniform issues Pattern of out of class behaviour Vandalism/graffiti on school or other's property | After School Detention Community Service Possible Conditional Enrolment Make up time at subject clubs | Heads of Learning Heads of House Dean of Students | Yes Communication entry |
| Repeated pattern after support intervention | In School Suspension Parent meetings | Heads of House Dean of Students | Yes |

Secondary Students Response Chart - continued

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interfered with the rights of others • Threatened safety/wellbeing of others • Acted illegally (low level) • Threatened harmony of the College • Violence toward others • Videoing and publishing negative content online | <p>Off Campus Suspension</p> <p>Possible Conditional Enrolment</p> | <p>Dean of Students</p> <p>College Principal</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acted illegally • Violence or aggression toward others • Bringing illicit substances onto the College site • Pattern of poor choice of behaviour after numerous warnings • Videoing and publishing online after prior warning | <p>Withdrawal of enrolment</p> <p>Expulsion</p> | <p>Dean of Students</p> <p>College Principal</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

Responsibilities of the College Management Team

- Ensure the consistent implementation of the Responsible Behaviour Policy throughout the school
- Enable students to be involved in the management of their behaviour
- Support and enable parents/legal guardians and teachers to form relationships within which student behaviour may be managed positively
- Ensure that the school's response to gender, cultural differences, family circumstances or disabilities does not reduce students' learning opportunities
- Maximise students' opportunities to experience intellectual, social and physical success
- Teach and model decision making in groups and ensure structures are in place for student voice
- Provide opportunities for staff training and development in relation to appropriate behaviour management
- Involve regional support services and other agencies, when appropriate, to support staff and families in managing student behaviour effectively. Refer to College Counsellor for assessment/support where appropriate
- Use system level consequences and interagency support programs with students who do not respond to class and school consequences.

Related Policies and Instructions

- Attendance Policy
- Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- Duty of Care to Students Policy
- Good Standing Policy
- Emergency and Critical Incident Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Relationship Management Policy
- Learning Technologies Policy
- Yard Duty Instructions
- Resolution of Parents and Students Complaints and Grievances