NSW Department of Education



Lurnea High School - School Behaviour Support Management Plan

Overview

At Lurnea High School, we are dedicated to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive. By explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviours, we foster engagement, respect, and collaboration among all members of our school community. Our approach integrates evidence-based practices to encourage academic achievement, social-emotional development, and lifelong learning.

School vision

The provision of rich, accessible, flexible and creative learning experiences lies at the heart of the ways students and staff thrive and learn at Lurnea High School through a growth mindset of increasing educational attainment for every student every year.

We are an inclusive school united by a shared aim for our young people to be active, engaged learners, creative, critical and innovative thinkers and resilient, who are respectful, responsible, fair, tolerant and understanding citizens.

We work in partnership with parents, families and the wider community to extend learning beyond the school gates to ensure that our students are connected to resources and opportunities that promote resilience and inspire lifelong learning.

Partnership with parents and carers

Lurnea High School will partner with families in establishing expectations for parent engagement in developing and implementing student behaviour management strategies, including for bullying behaviour by:

- Utilising recent community feedback on school behavioural expectations and processes undertaken by the Department in consultation with the school in Term 4 2024.
- using concerns raised through complaints procedures to review school systems, data and practices.

Lurnea High School will communicate these expectations to parents/carers through the school newsletter, website and provide links to information and resources in the Behaviour support toolkit.

School-wide expectations and rules

At Lurnea High School, we seek to promote the following:

- 1. Show Respect: "We treat everyone with kindness and fairness, valuing their ideas, feelings, and space, while taking pride in our school community."
- 2. Stay Connected: "We build strong relationships by listening, collaborating, and supporting each other, fostering a sense of belonging for all."
- 3. Ensure Safety: "We create a safe environment by making thoughtful choices, following guidance, and ensuring the wellbeing of ourselves and others."

Respected	Connected	Safe
Be in the right place at the right time.	Engage in learning by actively participating and collaborating with peers and teachers.	Follow all instructions to keep everyone safe in classrooms, hallways, and outdoor areas.
Use kind words and actions that support a positive learning environment.	Listen with our whole bodies, showing attentiveness and understanding during discussions.	Make choices that promote physical and emotional wellbeing for yourself and others.
Take care of school property and others' belongings.	Support each other to build a strong, inclusive community.	Report any concerns to a trusted adult immediately.

These expectations are aligned with the NSW Department of Education's Behaviour Code for Students.

Roles and responsibilities

Principal:

- Leads the school community in developing, implementing, and monitoring the School Behaviour Support and Management Plan (SBSMP)
- Facilitates the annual review of the SBSMP
- Ensures alignment with the Strategic Excellence Plan (SEP).

Deputy Principals and Head Teachers:

- Contribute to the development, monitoring and review of the SBSMP, as appropriate.
- Action the strategies and interventions aligned with their role in the SBSMP consistently.
- Lead staff in the promoting the implementation, support and monitoring of the SBSMP.

Classroom teachers and school support staff (Learning Support, Wellbeing & Community Engagement teams):

- Contribute to the development, monitoring and review of the SBSMP, as appropriate.
- Action the strategies and interventions aligned with their role in the SBSMP consistently.
- Collaborate with colleagues to promote the implementation, support and monitoring of the SBSMP.

Public Schools, including Directors, Educational Leadership and Delivery Support Team Around a School:

• Provide proactive and responsive specialist advice and support for schools in the development, implementation and monitoring of the SBSMP.

Parents or carers:

- The best education happens when parents and schools work together. The <u>School Community Charter</u> outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.
- Work in partnership with the school to implement the SBSMP, supporting their child to abide by the <u>Behaviour Code for Students</u>, resolving issues about their child's behaviour, and communicating with school staff and the school community respectfully and collaboratively consistent with the School Community Charter.
- Be involved in consultation with the school during the development, monitoring and review of the SBSMP, as appropriate.

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

The Behaviour Code for Students can be found at <u>Behaviour Code for Students</u>. This document translated into multiple languages is available here: Behaviour code for students.

Whole school approach across the care continuum

A whole school approach across the care continuum sits at the centre of our commitment to caring for students.

Our school embeds student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches and strategies across the care continuum and responds to behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyberbullying behaviour. Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include mutual disagreements or isolated incidents.

These approaches and strategies will be built on a foundation of evidence-based effective classroom practices that set the tone for engagement with learning and respectful relationships. These practices include:

- explicitly teaching classroom expectations
- routines and procedures are communicated clearly to students
- encourage expected behaviour with positive feedback and reinforcement
- maximise opportunities for active engagement with learning
- differentiate learning content and tasks to meet the needs of all learners.

At Lurnea High School, our approach to behaviour is guided by our core values of **Respected**, **Connected** and **Safe**. We are dedicated to fostering a positive and inclusive school culture that supports the holistic wellbeing of all students. Through a structured care continuum- spanning **prevention**, **early interventions**, **targeted and individualised support**- We ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

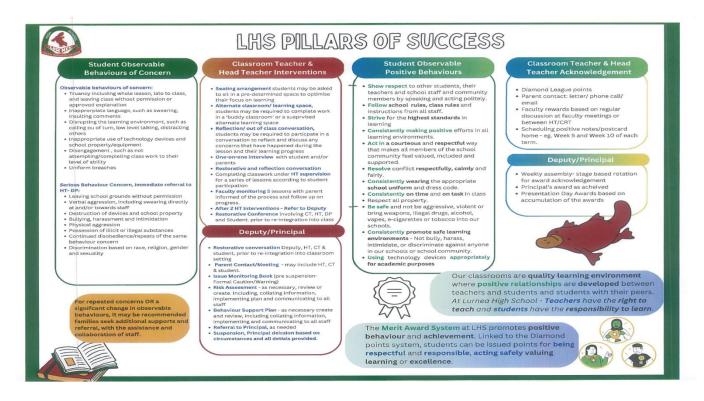
We are committed to creating quality learning opportunities for children and young people. These opportunities support wellbeing through positive and respectful relationships and fostering a sense of belonging to the school and community.

Lurnea High School has a Complex Case Team (CCT) that meet weekly. Our team consists of the Principal, Deputy Principals, Year Advisors, Learning & Support teachers and the Student Support Officer. This experienced and dedicated team collects information and gives recommendations for the teachers of students who need adjustments to access the curriculum and meet their educational goals. Students are referred to the CCT by the school Learning Support Team which also meets weekly.

In addition to following the department's operational policies, we have created a set of frameworks for our students that reflect our school's values and commitments. These values are integrated into classroom teaching to help students:

In addition to the department's operational policies, we have created the Lurnea High School Pillars of Success for our students that reflect our school's values and commitments. The Pillars of Success are integrated into classroom teaching to promote quality learning environments where positive relationships are developed between teachers and students and students with peers.

At Lurnea High School, teachers have the *right to teach* and students have *the responsibility to learn*.



The table below explicitly demonstrates the different whole school strategies and initiatives Lurnea High School **puts into practice across the care continuum**:

Programs and Strategies	Description	Preventi on	Early Int.	Targeted	Individu al	Audience
Pillars of success	The merit award system promotes positive behaviour and achievement. Linked to the Diamond League points system, students can be issued points for being respectful and responsible, acting safely valuing learning or excellence.	x	x			7-12
Restorative Circles	Restorative circles is a whole school teaching and learning approach that encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. Students returning from suspension participate in restorative circles with DPs, parent/carers, Principals, CLOs, supporting agencies		x	x	х	7-12
Restorative and reflective conversations	Students may be required to participate in a conversation to reflect and discuss any concerns that may have happened during the lesson and their learning progress. DP, HT, CT to use for the re-integration into the classroom setting.			х	х	7-12
Restorative practices facilitator training for students	Students can earn good behaviour rewards and work towards becoming a facilitator and mentor.			x		7-12

Programs and Strategies	Description	Preventi on	Early Int.	Targeted	Individu al	Audience
Rising stars- Souths Cares	Goal setting, building resilience for the future.			x		7-10
Love bites	Exploring respectful relationships through education programs and interactive workshops.	х	Х	×		11
Souths cares	Held once a week with 3 staff members from South Sydney for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Based on healthy living, cooking, sport and practical skills.			х		7-12
South cares- Anti- bullying workshop	Wellbeing workshop with all of year 7. Raising awareness about cyber bullying.	Х		х		7
Creating chances	Whole school approach around career pathways, life skills accessible for students.	×				7-10
Pacific waves	Program aimed at promoting student wellbeing, leadership skills, cultural identity within pacific islander student. Nominated students can progress to mentors.			х		7-10
Thrive League	Program aims to assist student develop social skills with peers in structured settings and situations.		x	х	×	8
RAGE (Renavigating anger and guilty and emotions)	Program is aimed at helping students their manage and control their anger.		X	X	×	7-12
Optus Digital Thumbprint	Program focuses on online safety and awareness, including social media, cyber bullying and legal responsibilities.	х	x			7, 9, 10
Big Fish, Little Fish	Program is aimed at transitioning students from primary school to high school. The focus is on student self-awareness of their own role in their identity and healthy relationships.	X		X		7
Transition to Senior studies	Program aimed at transition students from junior school into Stage 6 studies. The focus is on developing positive study habits, utilising evidence-based strategies.	Х		х		10
Youth Wellbeing Summit	Leadership conference for our student leaders. This allows opportunity for our student leadership team to develop skills and experience working across different schools.			X		
R U OK? Activities and program	Activities and events all focusing on raising awareness about mental health and where to access support and information.	X				7-12
HPE Day	Health and physical education. Raising awareness prevention and promotion of the importance of throughout PE lessons	Х		х		7-12

Programs and Strategies	Description	Preventi on	Early Int.	Targeted	Individu al	Audience
	consolidated with competitions and activities during recess and lunch times,					
Premiers Sporting Challenge (PLC)	10-week challenge getting students up and active and promoting students engaged in sport	х		Х		7-12
Perfect Presence Creating Chances Champions Program	Program focuses on students with 70-90 % attendance and with 1- 4 suspensions. The aim is to re-integrate students successfully to the classroom by setting weekly goals.			X	×	8, 9
Getting Your Head Right for the HSC	Program focuses on assisting students to develop time management and wellbeing skills during their HSC year.	х		Х		11
Understanding Bullying	Program helps understanding the definition of bullying, the different types of bullying and how it impacts individuals. Students learn to recognise and handle bullying.	х	х			7
Bully Zero Thrive	Resilience program helping students take ownership of their actions by developing key emotional intelligence skills.	х		Х		8
New Beginnings	Specifically for Year 6 (into Year 7), students moving from primary to high school. Helps build consistency as students navigate issues such as bullying.	х		X		6 into 7
My Strengths	The workshop gives student an opportunity to discover their top 5 strengths and how these inform identify, esteem and future choices.	Х		×		7, 9, 11
Headspace: Girls Wellbeing group	Developing an understanding of mental health in a variety of situations and experiences.			X	×	9
West Tigers: TEACH program	Focus is on resilience and establishing and maintaining positive relationships. Making positive choices and adapt to cohesive ways of living.			Х	x	8
EDG mentoring – Creative Springs	Focus on wellbeing through mentors and physical activity.		Х	X		8-10

These programs are scheduled at specific times across the school calendar, <u>Wellbeing calendar</u>.

Planned responses to positive appropriate behaviour, inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying

At Lurnea High School, our planned responses to student behaviour are aligned with our values of *Respected, Connected, and Safe,* ensuring that behaviour is addressed consistently and effectively across the school. Responses are designed to support positive behaviour, manage inappropriate behaviour, and address behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyberbullying, in a proactive and restorative manner.

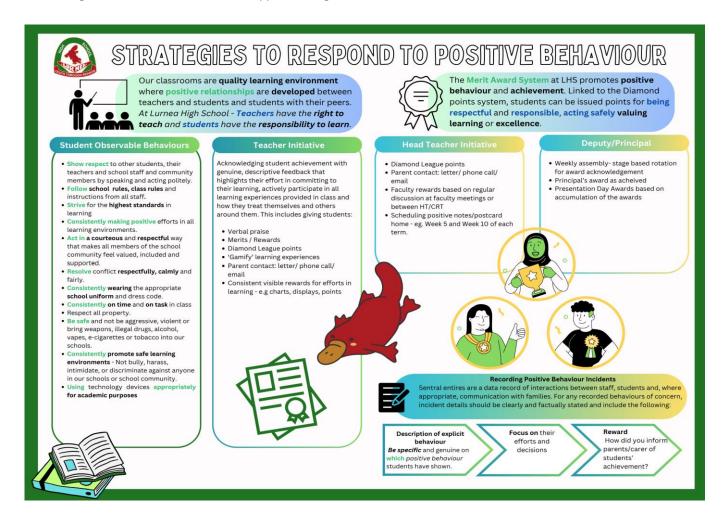
Positive and Appropriate Behaviour

Recognition and Reinforcement:

Positive behaviour is acknowledged and celebrated to encourage students to meet and exceed expectations. Recognition strategies may include:

- Verbal praise and encouragement.
- Diamond League Points for being respectful and responsible, acting safely valuing learning or excellence.
- Stage based assemblies for award acknowledgement
- Principals award as achieved
- Presentation Day Awards based on accumulation of the awards
- Scheduling positive notes /postcard /letter, email or phone call home
- Inclusion in school reward programs and events.

These practices aim to reinforce our values and create a culture where students feel valued and motivated to demonstrate respect, responsibility, and success. This area of school practice is a priority for review and enhancement early 2025.



Inappropriate Behaviour

Responses to all behaviours of concern apply to student behaviour that occurs:

- at school
- on the way to and from school
- on school-endorsed activities that are off-site
- outside school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and students' conduct
- when using social media, mobile devices and/or other technology involving another student or staff member.

Teacher-Managed Responses: (Refer to Appendix 1: Lurnea High School Behaviour response flowchart)

Low-level inappropriate behaviour, such as minor disruptions or not following instructions, is managed by teachers using corrective strategies within the classroom or playground. Teachers exercise professional judgment to determine the most effective response. Examples of corrective responses include universal interventions:

- Universal interventions
- Establish routines and rules
- Issue consequences

Behaviours of Concern

Executive-Managed Responses: (Refer to Appendix 1: Lurnea High School Behaviour response flowchart)

Behaviours of concern are challenging, complex, or unsafe behaviours requiring more persistent and intensive interventions. These behaviours may pose a risk to the safety or wellbeing of the student or others and are managed by the school executive team. Examples include repeated defiance, aggression, or significant breaches of the school's behavioural expectations.

Responses to Behaviours of Concern:

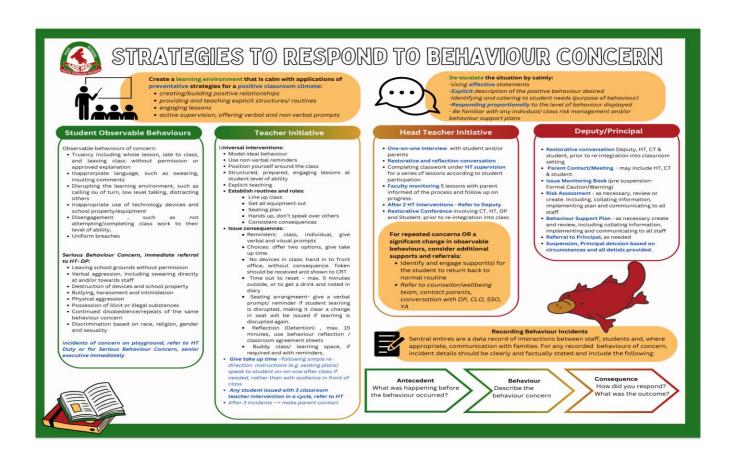
- One-on-one interview with student and/or parents
- Restorative and reflection conversation
- Completing classwork under Head Teacher (HT) supervision for a series of lessons according to student participation
- Faculty monitoring 5 lessons with parent informed of the process and follow up on progress
- After 2 HT Interventions Refer to Deputy
- Restorative Conference involving Class Teacher (CT), HT, Deputy Principal (DP) and Student, prior to re-integration into class
- Parent Contact/Meeting may include HT, CT and student.
- Issue Monitoring Book (Formal Caution of Suspension)

Responses to serious behaviours of concern

Responses for serious behaviours of concern, including students who display bullying behaviour, are recorded on Sentral. These may include:

- review and document incident
- determine appropriate response/s, including supports for staff or other students impacted
- refer/monitor the student through the school learning and support team
- develop or review individual student support planning, including teaching positive replacement behaviour and making learning and environmental adjustments
- detention, reflection and restorative practices (listed below)
- liaise with Team Around a School for additional support or advice
- communication and collaboration with parents/carers (phone, email, parent portal, meeting)
- suspension or expulsion

The NSW Department of Education <u>Student Behaviour policy</u> and <u>Suspension and expulsion procedures</u> apply to all NSW public schools.



Reporting and recording behaviours of concern

Staff will comply with reporting and responding processes outlined in the:

- Incident Notification and Response Policy
- Incident Notification and Response Procedures
- Student Behaviour policy and Suspension and Expulsion procedures.

Students or parents can report bullying to any staff member. NSW public school principals have the authority to take disciplinary action to address student behaviours that occur outside of school hours or school grounds, including cyberbullying. Students who have been bullied will be offered appropriate support, for example through their year advisor or school counselling service.

Students and/or parents/carers can report cyberbullying to the <u>eSafety Commissioner</u> and reporting links for most sites, games and apps can be found at the eSafety Guide.

Professional learning for staff

At Lurnea High School, our staff are dedicated to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment by continuously updating their skills in behaviour management and student wellbeing. Through ongoing professional development, staff engage with evidence-based practices that support proactive classroom management, restorative approaches, and inclusive strategies tailored to the diverse needs of our students. This commitment ensures that our team remains at the forefront of best practices, empowering them to create safe, respectful, and engaging spaces where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Training Topic	Focus Area	Key Content	Care Continuum Stage
Trauma-Informed Practices	Supporting students	Identifying signs of trauma; creating safe environments; de-escalation and restorative strategies	Prevention/Early Intervention
Restorative Practices	Relationship-focused	ıı , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Prevention/Early Intervention & Targeted
Explicit Teaching of Expectations	capacity and consistency in the application of clearly established behavioural	Establishing routines, classroom tone and structure, addressing noncompliance and redirection, establishing expectations in nonclassroom spaces	Prevention & Early Intervention

Lurnea High School uses the following strategies and systems to explicitly teach, recognise and reinforce positive student behaviour and behavioural expectations:

Prevention Responses to recognise and reinforce positive, inclusive and safe behaviour	Early Intervention Responses to minor inappropriate behaviour are teacher-managed.	Targeted/Individualised Responses to behaviours of concern are executive managed
Behaviour expectations are taught and referred to regularly. Teachers model behaviours and provide opportunities for practice. Students are acknowledged for meeting school-wide expectations and rules.	1. Refer to school-wide expectations. Teacher records on Sentral by the end of the school day. Monitor and inform the family if repeated. For some incidents, a referral is made to the school's anti-racism contact officer (ARCO) or anti-bullying coordinator.	1. Contact office to seek help from HT/DP straight away if there is a risk. Otherwise notify executive ASAP and before the end of the school day. Refer to the school's Learning Support Team considering current and previous behaviour data. Other actions may include developing a behaviour support/response plan and/or completing a risk assessment
2.Verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is paired with a positive, tangible reinforcer in a school-wide continuum for acknowledging expected behaviour.	2. Use indirect responses e.g. Proximity, signals, non-verbal cues, ignore, attend, praise, redirect with specific corrective feedback.	2. HT/DP/CT to take immediate steps to restore safety and return the situation to calm by using appropriate strategies such as: redirecting to another area or activity, providing reassurance or offering choices. Incident review and planning is scheduled for a later time, determined by the context and nature of the incident.
 3. Tangible reinforcers include those that are: free and frequent moderate and intermittent significant and infrequent Intermittent and infrequent reinforcers are recorded on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system. 	3. Use direct responses e.g. rule reminder, re-teach, provide choice, scripted interventions, student conference. Students have an opportunity to meet the classroom/playground behaviour expectation before a low-level consequence is applied.	3. HT/DP collects information and reviews the incident from multiple perspectives to determine the next steps. HT/DP/CT to record incident on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system and contact parent/carer by email or phone. DP/P may consider further action for e.g. formal caution/suspension.
Teacher/parent contact	Teacher/parent contact	Teacher/parent contact
Community are aware of expectations and procedures annually and/or upon enrolment. Relevant documents are available on the school website and specific elements are replicated in the student diary.	Teacher contacts parents by phone or email when a range of corrective responses have not been successful. Individual planning and referral to Learning Support Team may be discussed.	Parent/carer contact is made by HT/DP/P to discuss any support and behaviour responses, including referral to the LST school counsellor, outside agencies or Team Around a School.

Detention, reflection and restorative practices

Toilet and food breaks are always included when students are withdrawn from the playground as a planned response to behaviour. The maximum length of time will be appropriate to the age/developmental level of the student.

Strategy	When and how long?	Who coordinates?	How are these recorded?
Alternate break plan – withdrawal from playground during breaks and re-allocation to office/classroom for supervised breaktime following breach in behaviour. The purpose is to assist the student to achieve the desired behaviour, to reflect on their behaviour and make positive choices – individual or group (detention)	Next break	HT/DP	Sentral
Restorative practice – peer mediations, restorative circles, individual restorative conversations (student/student, student/teacher).	Scheduled as soon as all involved are available	DP, Restorative Coaches	Sentral

Review dates

Last review date: [INSERT DATE: Day 1, Term 1, 2025]

Next review date: [INSERT DATE: Day 1, Term 3, 2025]

Bullying Response Flowchart

The following flowchart explains the actions Lurnea High School staff will take when they receive a report about student bullying, including bullying which may have occurred online or outside of the school setting. The timeframes will vary depending on the professional judgment of staff who receive the bullying complaint and their assessment of immediate risk to student/s.

First: Listen

- Identify bullying behaviour, including cyber-bullying
- •Provide a safe, quiet space to talk and reassure the student that you will listen to them
- •Let them share their experience and feelings without interruption
- •As a mandatory reporter, if you hold immediate concerns for the student's safety, let the student know how you will address these. Immediate in this circumstance is where the staff member believes the student is likely to experience harm (from others or self) within the next 24 hours.

Next: Document

- •Ask the student for examples they have of the alleged bullying (e.g. hand written notes or screenshots)
- •Write a record of your communication with the student and check with the student to ensure you have the facts correct
- •Enter the record in Sentral
- •Notify school executive of incident if required in line with behaviour management flowchart
- •Notify parent/s that the issue of concern is being investigated

Then: Collect

- •Gather additional information from other students, staff or family
- •Review any previous reports or records for students involved
- •Make sure you can answer who, what, where, when and how
- Clarify information with student and check on their wellbeing

After:

Discuss

- •Evaluate the information to determine if it meets the definition of bullying (see above)
- •Make a time to meet with the student to discuss next steps
- •Ask the student what they believe will help address the situation
- •Engage the student as part of the solution
- •Provide the student and parent with information about student support network
- •Agree to a plan of action and timeline for the student, parent and yourself

Following: Implement

- Document the plan of action in Sentrtal
- Complete all actions agreed with student and parent within agreed timeframes
- •Monitor student and check in regularly on their wellbeing
- •Seek assistance from student support network if needed

Following: Review

- Meet with the student to review situation
- Discuss what has changed, improved or worsened
- •Explore other options for strengthening student wellbeing or safety
- •Report back to parent
- Record outcomes in Sentral

Ongoing follow-up

- •Continue to check in with student on regular basis until concerns have been mitigated
- •Record notes of follow-up meetings in Sentral
- •Refer matter to the Learning and Support Team within 48 hours if the situation is not resolved
- •Look for opportunities to improve school wellbeing for all students

Appendix 1: Lurnea High School Behaviour response flowchart

Observe inappropriate behaviour

Behaviour of Concern Teacher Response



Behaviour Categories:

- Harassment
- Disrespectful language
- Non-compliance
- Unsafe behaviour
- Banned items

Proactive Responses:

- Redirect student away from unwanted behaviour (verbal or non-verbal)
- Remind student of classroom expectations.
- Prompt student with school values/school policies.



If the behaviour stops



If the behaviour continues



No Further Action -Positive Verbal Acknowledgement



Apply Behaviour Action (Individual & appropriate)

- Universal interventions
- Establish routines and rules
- Reminders
- Choices
- No devices in class
- Time out to reset
- Seating arrangement
- Reflection (detention) max 15 min
- Phone call home (CLO Interpreting only if required)



Give take up time- simple redirection instructions, one-on-one after class if needed

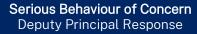
Any student issues with 3 classroom teacher interventions in a cycle, refer to HT. After 3 incidents, make parent contact

Behaviour of Concern Head Teacher Response

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Behaviour Categories:

- Using prohibited items
- Property Damage
- Verbal abuse/threats to staff and students
- Racist/sexist/homophobic inappropriate comments
- Dangerous/aggressive behaviour
- Unresolved persistent minor behaviours





- Persistent non-compliance
- Theft/Vandalism
- Verbal abuse/threats to staff
- Harassment/bullving
- Continued disobedience
- Actual harm or unacceptable risk to health and safety



If the behaviour stops



If the behaviour continues



Apply Behaviour Action (Individual & appropriate)

- Mediation/apology
- Completing class work under HT supervision for a series of lessons
- One- on- one interview with student and /or parents
- Faculty monitoring -5 lessons
- Restorative and reflective conversation



After 2 HT interventions- refer to Deputy

Restorative Conference involving CT, HT, DP and student prior to re-integration into class



Apply Behaviour Action (Individual & appropriate)

- Parent contact/meetingmay include HT, CT & student
- Issue monitoring book (presuspension- Formal Caution/Warning
- Restorative conversation with Deputy, HT, CT & student prior to reintegration into classroom setting
- Risk assessment
- Behaviour Support Plan



If behaviour : <u>Refer to Principal,</u> as needed

Suspension, Principal, decision based on circumstances and all details provided.

Consider additional supports

Identify and engage support(s) for the student to return to normal routine: Refer to counsellor/wellbeing team/CLO/SSO, contact parents, conversation with teacher, refer to and/or revise behaviour plans