#### **NSW Department of Education**



# School Behaviour Support and Management Plan Culburra PS 4485

#### Overview

Culburra Public School is committed to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour and supporting all students to be engaged with their learning. Key programs prioritised and valued by the school community are Positive Behaviour for Learning, Peer Support, Smiling Minds and Friendly Schools Plus.

#### Partnership with parents and carers

Culburra Public School will partner with parents/carers in establishing expectations for parent engagement in developing and implementing student behaviour management strategies through consultation with the Culburra P&C.

Culburra Public School will communicate these expectations to parents/carers by our communications strategy including our website, app and social media. We will also use parent information sessions throughout the year, and individual student case conferences as required.

#### School-wide expectations and rules

| Core Values    | Expectations                          |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Safety         | I work, play, and move safely         |
| Respect        | I am considerate in all I say and do  |
| Responsibility | I am responsible for all I say and do |

#### 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 <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policyprocedures/pd-2006-0316/pd-2006-0316-01">https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policyprocedures/pd-2006-0316/pd-2006-0316-01</a>. This document translated into multiple languages is available here: <a href="Behaviour code for students">Behaviour code for students</a>.

## Whole school approach across the care continuum



| Care<br>Continuum     | Strategy or<br>Program  | Details   | Audience                               |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Prevention            | PBL   | Core values and behaviours which underpin our positive school culture.  | Students                               |
| Prevention            | Smiling Minds   | Evidence-based resilience program.  | Students                               |
| Prevention            | Friendly Schools<br>Plus  | Evidence-based resilience program.  | Students                               |
| Prevention            | Professional<br>Learning  | Classroom management and playground management practices.   | Staff                                  |
| Prevention            | Parent Forums   | Parent forums with keynote speakers on student behaviour and wellbeing.   | Parents/Carers                         |
| Prevention            | Whole School<br>Merit<br>Award/Level<br>system                                      | Students receive class merit awards at the weekly whole-school assembly. Weekly school 'Burras' given for consistent behaviour collected to achieve bronze, silver, gold, diamond and platinum levels of achievement, each level with its own reward. | Students and<br>Parents/Carers         |
| Prevention            | Positive<br>relationships<br>within the<br>classroom                                | Teachers establish positive relationships with all students ensuring that each child is known, valued, and cared for as well as modelling our school's core values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility.   | Students<br>Teachers                   |
| Early<br>intervention | Classroom<br>management   | Communication with parents, and where relevant, the use of communication books.  Explicit teaching and modelling of specific skills including behaviour expectations and social skills.   | Students<br>Teachers<br>Parents/Carers |
| Early intervention    | Learning<br>Support Team &<br>Teacher   | Referral to learning support team for academic, social, emotional support.  | Teachers                               |
| Early<br>intervention | Social Stories,<br>visual cues and<br>strategies, and<br>routines.                  | Curriculum links, particularly in PDHPE, History and English (literature). Restorative practices and circle time. Drama and role play.  | Students                               |
|                       | routinos.   | Self-regulation training – brain breaks, yoga, heavy work, weighted blanket.  |  |
| Early<br>intervention | Peer support,<br>buddy programs<br>and mentoring                                    | Formal Peer Support Program. "Buddy Program" for kindergarten students initiated as part of orientation/transition program.   | Students                               |
| Early<br>intervention | Anti-bullying<br>strategies<br>including cyber-<br>bullying and<br>internet safety. | Annual Police Liaison Officer Cyber safety program.   | Students                               |
| Early<br>intervention | Teaching for Inclusion  | Teaching for Inclusion - Teaching for Inclusion (modelfarms-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).  | Teachers                               |

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|                            | Student Profile<br>Builder            | Teachers plan for adjustments using the student profile builder – week 5 Term 1 each year as well as when needs arise.  |                                     |
| Early<br>intervention      | School<br>Counselling<br>Service      | School counselling staff support students by providing a psychological counselling, assessment, and intervention service.   | Students Parents/carers Staff       |
| Early<br>intervention      | Aboriginal<br>Education               | Support programs aimed at connection to<br>Country and community for Aboriginal and<br>Torres Strait Islander young people. Support<br>from a full time Aboriginal Education Officer. | Students Parents/carers Staff       |
| Targeted intervention      | Individual<br>behaviour plans         | Modified individual expectations and goals. School developed programs to support behaviour and wellbeing.   | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Targeted intervention      | Communication books                   | Communication with parent/carer and, where relevant, communication books.   | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Targeted intervention      | Transition strategies                 | Class to playground, lesson to lesson, grade to grade, school to school.  | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Individual<br>intervention | School Learning<br>Support Officers   | SLSO support for implementation of modified individual expectations and goals. School-developed programs to support behaviour and wellbeing.  | Students Parents/carers Staff       |
| Individual<br>intervention | Sensory<br>assessment and<br>supports | Implemented as required in consultation with specialists and parents.   | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Individual<br>intervention | Negotiated playground programs.       | Implemented as required in consultation with specialists and parents.   | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Individual<br>intervention | Phone<br>Intervention<br>Program      | Dedicated School Administration Officer to monitor, follow up and record attendance issues.   | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Individual<br>intervention | Delivery Support<br>Team              | Develop appropriate behaviour expectations and strategies with other staff members.  Monitor the impact of support for individual students through continuous data collection.        | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
|                            |                                       | Provide consistent strategies and adjustments outlined within an individual student support plan.   |                                     |
| Individual<br>intervention | Specialist allied health services     | Allied health services to ensure learning adjustments are appropriate and effective for students. (Psychologist, Occupational Therapist).   | Students<br>Parents/carers<br>Staff |
| Individual<br>intervention | Student services<br>team              | Students with disabilities or significant support needs may access help from itinerant support teachers (hearing and vision, conductive hearing                                       | Staff                               |

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|                         |                          | loss, early intervention, and support teacher transition) who visit schools and work directly with the student to plan and develop personalised learning and support. |          |
| Individual intervention | Professional<br>Learning | Whole-school professional learning relating to the specific needs of students.  Targeted professional learning for staff.   |          |

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

See Appendix 1 & 2.

#### Responses to serious behaviours of concern

Responding to serious behaviours of concern in a school setting typically involves a structured process to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students while addressing the root causes of the behaviour. Here's an outline of the steps our school will take:

- Immediate Response:
  - Ensure Safety: The first priority is to ensure the safety of all students and staff. This might
    involve removing the student exhibiting serious behaviour from the immediate environment or
    relocating the student group.
  - o **Call for Assistance**: Depending on the severity of the behaviour, additional school staff or external agencies (e.g., police, mental health professionals) may be called for support.
- Initial Assessment:
  - Assess the Situation: School staff will assess the situation to understand the immediate triggers and context of the behaviour.
  - o **Document the Incident**: Detailed documentation of the behaviour, including what happened before, during, and after the incident, is crucial for further action.
- Notify Parents/Carers:
  - o **Immediate Contact**: Parents or carers of the involved student(s) are contacted as soon as possible to inform them of the incident and any immediate actions taken.
- Investigation and Analysis:
  - Conduct an Investigation: School staff will investigate the incident to gather more information from all involved parties, including witnesses.
  - o **Identify Underlying Issues**: This might involve meetings with the student, parents, and possibly external professionals to identify any underlying issues contributing to the behaviour.
- Develop a Response Plan:
  - Behaviour Support Plan: Based on the findings, a tailored behaviour support plan is developed.
     This plan might include strategies for preventing future incidents, supporting the student's needs, and addressing any academic, social, or emotional issues.
  - Set Clear Expectations and Consequences: Clearly outline the expected behaviours and consequences for future incidents. Ensure the student understands these expectations.

- Implement Interventions:
  - Support Services: Provide access to counselling, mentoring, or other support services as needed.
  - Restorative Practices: Engage in restorative practices that involve the student taking responsibility for their actions and working to repair any harm caused.
- Monitoring and Review:
  - **Regular Check-Ins**: Schedule regular check-ins to monitor the student's progress and the effectiveness of the interventions.
  - Adjust the Plan as Needed: Based on ongoing observations and feedback, adjust the behaviour support plan to ensure it remains effective.
- Communication and Collaboration:
  - o **Collaborate with Parents/Carers**: Maintain open communication with parents or carers throughout the process.
  - Engage External Agencies: Where appropriate, involve external agencies (e.g., mental health services, social services) for additional support.
- The NSW Department of Education <u>Student Behaviour policy</u> and <u>Suspension and Expulsion procedures</u> apply to all NSW public schools.
- 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-site 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.

#### 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.

### Detention, reflection and restorative practices

| Strategy   | When and how long?                                    | Who<br>coordinates?    | How are these recorded?  |
|--|---|------------------------|--|
| Reflection room – a structured debriefing and planning after a crisis event or behaviour of concern with an individual student (reflection). | As required  Next day at either lunch or recess break | Assistant<br>Principal | Teacher tracking<br>sheet and digital<br>entry on Compass<br>(Chronicle entry) |
| Alternate play plan – withdrawal from free choice play and re-allocation to office area or classroom/hall for supervised play                | As required   | Assistant<br>Principal | Compass<br>Chronicle entry   |

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|---|--|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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) |  |                        |                            |
| Restorative practice  | Scheduled for either lunch or recess break | Assistant<br>Principal | Compass<br>Chronicle entry |

#### Review dates

Last review date: Week 5, Term 4, 2024

Next review date: Week 5, Term 1, 2026 to be reviewed and tabled at P&C AGM

### Appendix 1: Behaviour management flowchart

| Types of Problem Behaviours –<br>(MAJOR)                    |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Behaviour Type  | Definition   | Consequence (all 1st incidence)                  |
| Property Damage   | The student damages or destroys any property; intentionally or due to negligence.  |  |
| Abusive Language /<br>Inappropriate Language /<br>Profanity | The student communicates verbal or written messages that include swearing, name calling or use of words in an inappropriate way for the developmental age of the child, including online methods of communication. | RTA<br>+   |
| Outside School Problems<br>Continuing at<br>School          | The student, at school, displays major problem behaviours pertaining to issues that happened after school hours or on the weekend. This includes online (cyber) harassment.  | Restitution Send for AP immediately if necessary |
| Theft   | Student is in possession of, having passed on, or being responsible for removing someone else's property (i.e. taking someone else's personal belongings).   |  |
| Cheating / Plagiarism                                       | Student acts dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage in a game whilst representing the school (i.e during a game at PSSA or cheating in an assessment).  |  |
| Disruption  | The students behaviour causes an interruption in class, including yelling, noise with materials and sustained out-of-seat behaviour (i.e. tantrums, yelling, rough play).  |  |

| Defiance                   |   | Executive Supervision / Warning of<br>Suspension / Suspension<br>+  |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Physical Aggression        | The student takes actions involving serious physical contact where injury (with intention) may occur (i.e. hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, hair pulling, scratching, etc.)  | Restitution   |
| Harassment / Tease / Taunt | The student communicates disrespectful messages (verbal or gestural) to another person, which includes threats and intimidation, obscene gestures, pictures, or written notes.  Disrespectful messages include negative comments based on race, religion, gender, age and or national origin, sustained or intense verbal attacks based on ethnic origin, disabilities or other personal matters.  Online bullying or disrespectful comments. | Executive Supervision + Restitution + Counselling from the Aboriginal Education Office re:racism                                |
| Absconding                 | The student absconds and places self in potential danger. This can be within school grounds or leaving school grounds (i.e. running away from classroom, leaving the school grounds, hiding from staff).  | <b>Send for Principal <u>and</u> AP.</b><br>Executive Supervision   |
| Criminal Behaviour         | Criminal or delinquent behaviour may include but not limited to:  • Possession of use of a prohibited weapon  • Making credible threats  • Stalking and cyber stalking  • Custody of a knife at school  • Use of technology to intimidate or harass  • Harassment and victimisation  • Criminal damage  • Vilification  • Access inappropriate internet material  | Send for, or inform Principalimmediately.  Leadership Supervision / Meeting with Parents / Suspension / Expulsion + Restitution |

| Types of Problem Behaviours –<br>(MINOR) |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Туре                                     | Definition  | Consequence   |  |
| Inappropriate Verbal Language            | The student communicates verbal messages or use of words in an inappropriate way for the developmental age of the student (i.e. name calling, teasing).                       | <u>l<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> incidence =</u><br><b>Playground:</b> verbal |  |
| Physical Contact                         | The student makes inappropriate physical contact (but not serious) with other students. or staff (i.e. over-affectionate, patting, light tapping, etc).                       | reprimand byplayground<br>teacher and record pink<br>slip.                        |  |
| Out of Bounds                            | The student intentionally takes themselves out of the allowed area of play.   | Classroom: classroom and buddytimeout and entry                                   |  |
| Unsafe Actions                           | The student makes unsafe actions, which has the potential, without intention, to injure themselves or others (i.e. Stage 3 students running through a group of ESI students). | into student Code of<br>Conduct book.   |  |
| Cheating                                 | The student acts dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage in a game (such as handball or back playground soccer).  | <b>Playground:</b> verbal reprimand   |  |
| Area Specific Rules                      | The student is not behaving appropriately according to the playground area (i.e. – playing soccer in the canteen area)  | by playground teacher and placed onto the blue seat                               |  |
| Non-compliance                           | The student, at a low intensity, fails to respond to adult requests when physically, social and emotionally capable to do so.   | outside the Executive Office /<br>RTA referral                                    |  |
| Mild Disruption                          | The student disrupts the class or teacher, i.e. talking whilst the teacher is talking.  | Classroom: Supervisor timeout and letter home/or parent phone                     |  |
| Property Misuse                          | The student works in an inappropriate, low-intensity way (i.e. scribbles on another students page)  | call.   |  |

PLEASE NOTE: In all cases above, it is assumed that the student misbehaving is, at the time, emotionally stable and socially skilled enough to understand that they are not demonstrating the expected behaviours and Culburra Public School's core values of Safety, Respect and Responsibilty. In the cases where the student demonstrates behaviours of a disability as defined by the Disability Standards for Education 2005, a Behaviour Management Plan must be put in place, and the student will face consequences in accordance with that plan. The consequences in this plan must be decided in consultation with Assistant Principal and Principal.

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#### Appendix 2: Bullying Response Flowchart

#### First hour: Listen

- •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.

#### Day 1: 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 Compass (Chronicle entry)
- •Notify school executive of incident if required in line with behaviour management flowchart
- •Notify parent/s that the issue of concern is being investigated

#### Day 2: 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

Day 3:

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

Day 4:

Implement

- •Document the plan of action in Compaas
- •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

Day 5:

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 Compass

## Ongoing follow-up

- •Continue to check in with student on regular basis until concerns have been mitigated
- •Record notes of follow-up meetings in Googledrive and Compass
- •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