1. **Student Behaviour – School Context**

The school actively seeks to engage with parents and the community to ensure a positive and inclusive school culture in which every student has the opportunity to succeed. The school works collaboratively with students and parents/carers to establish fair and respectful behaviour policies and practices, based on the school’s values, expected social competencies and positive peer relationships. There are also intervention strategies in place to address inappropriate behaviours which can negatively impact on the learning environment of the self and others.

The school appreciates its diverse student and parent population, and has measures in place to ensure all students enjoy the same level of access to the school’s curriculum and co-curricular programs. Our teaching and learning philosophy is important in engaging all students in their academic learning. Our Disability and Impairment program provides vital assistance and support to students in and out of the classroom.

When relationships break down between members of the school community, we use “Restorative Practices” to restore and rebuild these. Staged responses are implemented in addressing ongoing behavioural issues, and suspension from school is viewed as a last resort.

The school places an emphasis on 100% attendance. The school values parent/carer input into its operations and curriculum offerings and seeks feedback through the Parent Opinion survey, and from parent representatives on School Council.

2. **Rights and Responsibilities:**

It is the right of all members of the school community to experience a safe, pleasant and supportive learning and teaching environment. Staff, students and parents/carers have a right to be treated with respect, and enjoy an environment free from bullying (including cyber bullying), harassment, violence, discrimination or intimidation. (Refer to our Bullying and Harassment Policy, Equal Opportunity Policy and Disability and Impairment Policy.

Teachers also have the rights to be informed, within Privacy requirements, about matters relating to students that may impact on their teaching and learning for that student.

Students have a responsibility to contribute positively to the educational experience for themselves and other students, to participate fully in the school’s educational program, and to ensure that their behaviours demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and all other members of the school community.

Parents/carers have a responsibility to take an active interest in their child’s educational progress, model and reinforce positive behaviours and ensure their child’s regular attendance. They have a responsibility to support the school in maintaining a safe and
respectful learning environment for all students, and engage in regular and constructive communication with school staff regarding their child’s learning.

Teachers have a responsibility to demonstrate the standards set by the Victorian Institute of Teaching. That is, to know how students learn and how to teach them effectively, know the content they teach, know their students, plan and assess for effective learning, create and maintain safe and challenging learning environments, and use a range of strategies to engage students in effective learning. Teachers also have a responsibility to fairly, reasonably and consistently implement the Student Engagement and Welfare Policy and this Behaviour Policy.

All members have an obligation to ensure school property is appropriately used and maintained.

3. Shared expectations:

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<td><strong>Engagement</strong> (participation in the classroom and other school activities)</td>
<td>Demonstrate preparedness to engage in and take full advantage of the school program.</td>
<td>Promote positive outcomes by valuing the importance of education and liaising with the school on their child’s progress/needs.</td>
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<td>• effort to do their very best self-discipline to ensure a cooperative learning environment and model the school values.</td>
<td>• Support their child in their preparedness for the school day and in the provision of a supportive home environment.</td>
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<td>• team work</td>
<td>• Monitor their child’s school involvement and progress and communicate with the school when necessary.</td>
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<td>• Are informed and supportive of school programs and actively participate in school events/parent groups.</td>
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<td>All students are expected to:</td>
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<td>• attend and be punctual for all timetabled classes every day that the school is open to students</td>
<td>• ensure that enrolment details are correct</td>
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<td>• be prepared to participate fully in lessons</td>
<td>• ensure their child attends regularly</td>
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<td>• bring a note from their parents/carers explaining an absence/lateness</td>
<td>• advise the school as soon as possible when a child is absent</td>
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<td>• account for all student absences</td>
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<td>• keep family holidays within scheduled school holidays</td>
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<td>• Support their child’s learning during absences and work with the school to reintegrate students after prolonged</td>
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<td>take responsibility for their learning and have high expectations that they can learn</td>
<td>have high expectations of their child’s behaviour and an understanding of the schools behavioural expectations</td>
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<td>take responsibility for their behaviour and its impact on others</td>
<td>Communicate with the school in regards to their child’s circumstances</td>
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<td>model the schools core values of diversity, achievement, responsibility and endeavour</td>
<td>Cooperate with the school by assisting in the development and enforcement of strategies to address individual needs</td>
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<td>comply with the schools Behavioural Policy and work with teachers and parents in developing strategies to improve outcomes</td>
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5. **School Action and Consequences**

*Corporal Punishment is prohibited in all Victorian schools. Corporal punishment must NOT be used at this school under any circumstances.*

Student engagement, regular attendance and positive behaviours will be supported through relationship based whole-school classroom practices, including targeted and individualised support when required. (Please refer to our Attendance Policy and Behaviour Policy). Whole school practices include:

- Establishing predictable, fair and democratic classrooms and school environments
• Ensuring student participation in the development of classroom and whole school expectations
• Providing personalised learning programs where appropriate for individual students
• Consistently acknowledging all students
• Empowering students by creating multiple opportunities to take responsibility and be involved in decision-making
• Providing physical environments conducive to positive behaviours and effective engagement in learning

Inappropriate behaviours, including irregular attendance, will be supported through a staged response, including:

• Understanding the student’s background and needs
• Ensuring a clear understanding of expectations by both students and teachers
• Providing consistent school and classroom environments
• Scaffolding the student’s learning program
• Engaging in “Restorative Practices”

Broader support strategies will include:

• Involving and supporting the parent/carer
• Involving the Director of Student Engagement and Well-Being, the Pathways and Transition Manager, the Disability and Impairment manager and guidance officer where appropriate
• Mentoring and/or counselling
• Convoking student support group meetings
• Developing individualised learning, behaviour or attendance plans
• Providing broader educational programs (work experience, camps)
• Involving community support agencies
• Contact with the Regional Office

Discipline Procedures – suspension and expulsion

A student may be excluded from school in situations where all other measures have been implemented without success, or where an immediate suspension is the only appropriate course of action in response to the student’s behaviour which may put the health, safety and well-being of other students, staff or themselves at significant risk.

Consequences which may be used prior to suspension include:

• Withdrawal of privileges
• Use of behaviour and attendance sheets to monitor behaviour
• Withdrawal from class activities for a specified period. Where appropriate, parents/carers will be informed of such withdrawals
• Detention: teachers may require a student to complete school work or additional work or duties at recess or lunch break, or afterschool. No more than half the break time may be given to detention and afterschool detentions will not exceed forty-five minutes. Parents will be informed at least the day prior to the detention and in family circumstances where this would create undue hardship, the school may negotiate an alternative disciplinary measure with parents/carers.
• Convoking of a school support group.
When considering suspension or expulsion, the School follows the Department of Early Childhood and Development's procedures (refer to section 4.3 of Effective Schools are Engaging Schools: Student Engagement Policy Guidelines).