



## WILLIAM RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Throughout this semester the Students in years Five and Six, along with the School Council have been reviewing our behaviour management protocols, making up our Engagement and Inclusion Policy

This review came about as a result of a student request to look at our current practices. The Grade 5/6 students felt that our current practices were not as effective as what they had been in the past.

During BSEM lessons classes, discussions took place and the students were surveyed in the 5/6 area of the school. The consultation with the students has been extensive. The Grade 5/6 students in the SRC collated all the information and drafted up recommendations to present to School Council for consideration.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June our two School Captains made a presentation to the William Ruthven PS School Council. They outlined the student concerns, the consultation process that was undertaken and the recommendations for consideration. The School Captains were very thorough in their presentation and argued a very strong case for change.

Following the presentation, the School Council had a lengthy discussion about the concerns and our current behaviour management processes.

**As a result of the presentation and discussion it was decided at the June School Council meeting to trial changes to our current practices for semester two.** These changes will be reviewed at the October meeting with the final behaviour management practices commencing in 2019.

The changes to the behaviour management protocols were explained to parents and students at our School Assembly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June by our School Captains.

### From the commencement of Term Three

**If a child receives, three blue forms for committing an incident outlined on the blue form, an external suspension will occur, meaning that the student is not required at school for that one day and are asked to reflect on their behaviour.**

Previously a child would need to receive nine blue forms before receiving an external suspension. The students felt that this was too lenient

As per DET requirements students can be suspended immediately if they contravene Ministerial Order 184

Under Ministerial Order 184, a student may be suspended for

- threatening or endangering the health, safety or wellbeing of others
- committing an act of significant violence against a person or property or being knowingly involved in the theft of property
- possessing, using or assisting another person to use prohibited drugs or substances
- failing to comply with a reasonable and clearly communicated instruction of a principal, teacher or other staff member
- consistently behaving in a manner that interferes with the wellbeing, safety or educational opportunities of any other student
- consistently engaging in behaviour that vilifies, defames, degrades or humiliates another person

The change in practice has come about because of student concern and all the students should be congratulated for contributing to this change.

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