

REPRESENTATION POLICY

Rationale

In order to maximise student achievement and engagement, there is a need to set minimum benchmarks and maximum expectations for academic work, engagement in school activities, and adherence to the standards set down in our Enrolment Agreement and Responsible Behaviour Plan with regard to appearance, behaviour and engagement.

Aims:

- To reinforce positive expectations of students
- To ensure students are provided with every opportunity to achieve requirements for success in their studies
- To encourage student to find a balance between their academic studies and extra-curricular involvement

During the term, the Deputy Principals liaise with teaching staff (Primary) and Year Level Coordinators (Secondary) to compile an active list of students who are not currently eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities or school representation. This will last for a period of time depending on the reason for their changed eligibility. Students and parents will be notified in writing of their ineligibility.

Ineligibility can result from behaviour which is deemed 'unacceptable' or 'at risk':

At Risk Behaviour includes:

- Students being awarded 'Needs attention' (D), or 'Unsatisfactory' (E) in effort and/or behaviour on reports
- Students with overdue or incomplete assessment
- Students with attendance below 90%, where those absences are unexplained
- A record of 2 or more OneSchool behaviour entries in a two-week period.
- When a student successfully moves from 'unacceptable' to 'at risk'.

Unacceptable Behaviour includes:

- Students not meeting the expectations of the Responsible Behaviour Plan (behaviour leading to consequences more serious than a detention)
- Students found to have truanted class or school
- 2 or more OneSchool behaviour records while 'at risk'.
- Any period of suspension.

'At risk' behaviour is:

- In effect for **2 weeks** after the student is made aware of their at risk status.

'Unacceptable' behaviour is:

- In effect for **2 weeks** for OneSchool entries or for suspensions up to and including 10 days
- In effect for **4 weeks** for suspensions between 10 and 20 days.
- Counted from the student's return to school from suspension or from the date of notification by staff for OneSchool entries.

In cases where a student's behaviour level is unacceptable/at risk students will not be permitted to participate in activities within the following timeframes:

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Interschool sports/excursions:

- While at risk/unacceptable and for 2 weeks after they move from ‘at risk’ to ‘acceptable’.

Rewards Days:

- While at risk/unacceptable, and for 3 weeks after they move from ‘at risk’ to ‘acceptable’.

Overnight Camps (intrastate):

- While at risk/unacceptable, and for 5 weeks after they move from ‘at risk’ to ‘acceptable’.

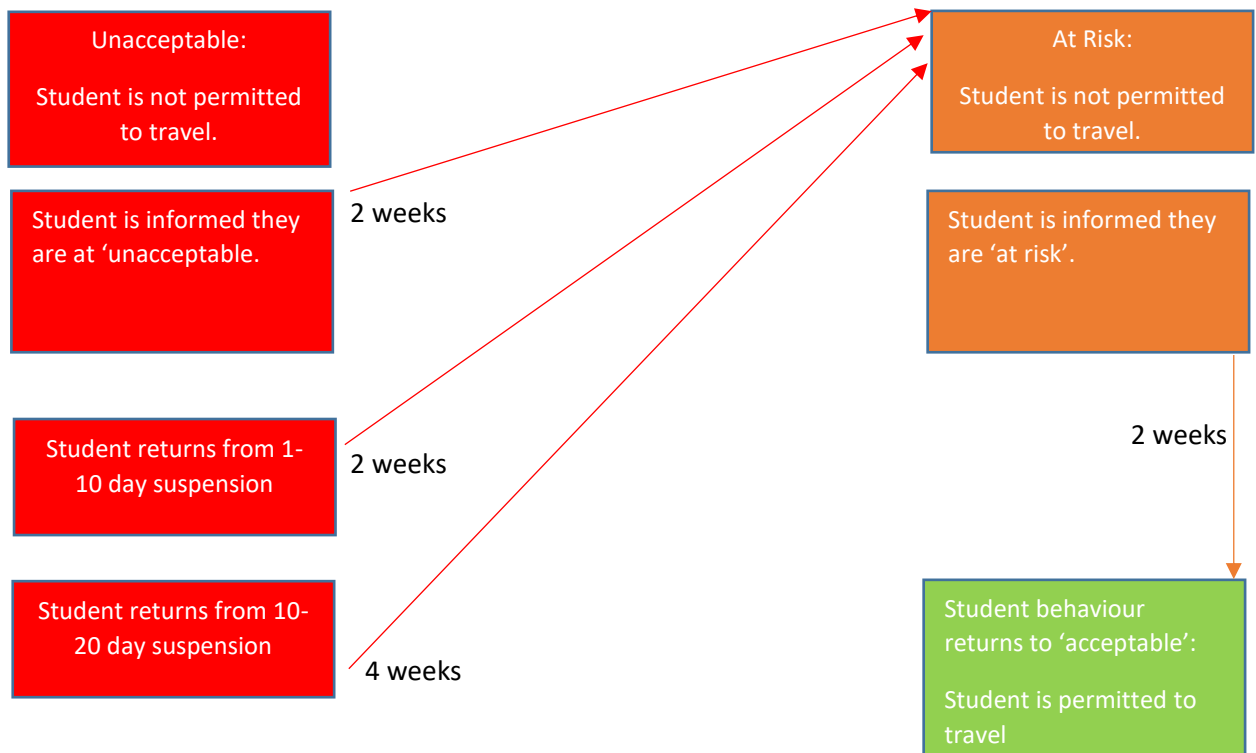
Overnight Camps/Trips (interstate/international):

- While at risk/unacceptable, and for 10 weeks after they move from ‘at risk’ to ‘acceptable’.

Should a student’s behaviour become unacceptable/at risk in these timeframes, a decision will be made as to whether the student will be able to participate. This decision will involve a meeting with the Principal or delegate and involves parents/carers, the student, and a review of all current and historical behaviour instances. The decision for a student not to travel will be not be made lightly. Decisions will be made in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of all participants.

It is also a condition of travel that all school fee payments are up-to-date. Families should contact the College’s Business Manager with any questions regarding an account balance.

Should a decision be made for a student not to travel, a refund will be made as determined by the refund conditions outlined in the initial travel documents and agreements.



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