



DARAMALAN COLLEGE

SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION POLICY

Related Policies

Student Welfare Framework

Anti-Harassment Policy

Rationale

In keeping with the philosophy of the College that each student is respected and valued, suspensions will only occur when a student has committed a serious offence. This means that we need to have in place structures and interventions that promote effective and regular communication between students, staff and parents to avoid suspensions as much as possible. The exclusion of a student will only occur if all other avenues of restorative measures are exhausted or the continued enrolment of the student places the safety of others at risk or puts in jeopardy the good order of the school.

Policy

1. That in-school and out of school suspensions will be used as a behaviour management strategy in keeping with our Student Welfare documents and policies.
2. That communication with parents/carers and students is clear and open regarding the reason for the suspension and the nature and duration of the suspension.
3. That information regarding a suspension will only be sent, as far as possible, to those people for whom it is relevant.
4. That in the rare case of a student being excluded from the college, all steps in the process as set out in the ACT Education Act will be followed.
5. That documentation covering suspensions and exclusions will be maintained securely.

Procedures

- Suspensions can only be authorised by an Assistant Principal Pastoral Care, the Principal or Deputy of the College.
- Parent/carer contact regarding the suspension will occur in a timely manner with details regarding the offence and suspension being provided.
- As much as is possible, students should have ready access to information about school work via Daranet to enable them to continue to participate in their education while they are on suspension.

- Students returning from a suspension will meet with the relevant Assistant Principal Pastoral Care and parents/carers when requested, to have a restorative meeting. At this meeting positive goals will be set for improved behaviour or actions by the student in the future.
- Restorative meetings with other students hurt by the actions of the suspended student may also take place.
- Should the exclusion of a student be required the College will undertake all necessary steps prior to this taking place, including offering counselling and other support mechanisms to the student and informing parents of the College's concerns.
- Documentation regarding suspensions and exclusions will be kept by the student's Pastoral Leader and the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care.

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