



SUSPENSIONS & EXPULSIONS POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

This policy is as an adjunct to the Development of Personal Responsibility Policy.

Students are encouraged and supported to realise their potential as persons whilst becoming ever more aware of their need to witness Christian values in their behaviour.

The school as inspired by the example of Blessed Edmund Rice is, committed to providing a safe, caring environment which encourages participation and positive growth of the individual.

'Quality of presence' and 'unconditional forgiveness' as outlined in the Christian Brother document "Vision for the Future" serve as cornerstones for the pastoral care that we strive to promote in our community.

Consequences for inappropriate behaviour and wrong choices by students must reflect our responsibilities to maintaining the ethos of Edmund Rice.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES / PROTOCOLS

Suspension and expulsion are only considered for very serious matters, particularly, when as a result of the action or behaviour, the students' chance of realising their potential is undermined by actually remaining at St. Paul's.

Any decision to suspend a student can only be taken by the Principal or a member of the College Leadership Team (Principal, Head of Senior School, Head of Middle School, Head of REC; Head of Curriculum). Parents and students will also be involved in the consultation and communication process and a student's return to school can only occur after a re-entry meeting involving the Principal and the relevant member of the College Leadership Team.

Any decision to expel a student can only be taken by the Principal and this will only be after consultation with the College Leadership Team, the student and family. Where appropriate the Principal may also wish to consult with the Province Leadership Team, CEO and Chairperson of the College Board.

The College is committed to supporting students who are suspended / expelled through ongoing counselling, pathway support and any other pastoral care services. The College is also committed to the SACCS Suspension and Expulsion Guidelines.