



THE MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Our goal at Riverdale is for all students to learn in a safe and happy environment. We expect, therefore, that all students will behave in a responsible manner and will form positive relationships with each other, with staff and members of the wider community.

We have a number of programmes to assist students in learning how to resolve conflict and to relate confidently with others. These include teaching students how to initiate Grievance Procedures, anti- sexual harassment programmes, behaviour intervention programmes, and social skills sessions. We work closely with students to reinforce behaviours that assist teaching and learning.

If students harass others or behave in ways which make others unhappy or unsafe and stop them from learning we use a range of strategies including counselling, time out and restricted play. Parents are integral in supporting behavioural change and are kept well informed of issues through letters, phone calls or discussions.

Should students choose to continue to disrupt the safe, caring and orderly learning environment, we call the parents to remove the student from the school for the remainder of the day (ie 'Take Home' policy). If the behaviour is severe, students may be suspended for up to five days. On the rare occasions that these measures are not effective in promoting improved behaviour, students may be excluded from the school (ie they will need to attend another school).

We have found that, in most cases, students, parents and teachers can work together to change unsafe and inappropriate behaviour.