



BALLAJURA COMMUNITY COLLEGE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY, PLAN AND PROCEDURES



GOOD STANDING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Policy Rationale

At Ballajura Community College, we seek to create a vibrant learning community where excellence in learning and teaching is expected and celebrated and where our college community feels safe, valued and affirmed. The processes embedded within Good Standing requirements are underpinned by our five core values, RESPECT, EQUITY, ACHIEVEMENT, CARE and HEALTH, and we expect students to commit to applying these consistently every day.

What is Good Standing?

Good Standing is a whole school support strategy that works alongside our *Positive Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures*. It provides a framework for acknowledging students who consistently demonstrate behaviours that align to the College's values. It also articulates the processes and consequences for repeated, ongoing and/or serious breaches of the College's code of conduct.

At Ballajura Community College all students commence each year with their Good Standing. Students who have Good Standing status are eligible to participate in invitational events, extra-curricular activities and reward events.

Procedures

Maintaining Good Standing

Students maintain their Good Standing by consistently exhibiting the College's **REACH** values.

- **Demonstrate positive behaviours.**

Students adhere to the code of conduct, demonstrating at all times, behaviours that reflect our **REACH** values. Whole school targeted and intensive supports are implemented to provide every student with the opportunity to achieve their potential. Refer to the *Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures* for more information.

- **Adhere to the Dress Code**

Students are consistently dressed in the College uniform, demonstrating our **REACH** values and pride in our College. The Dress Code also serves to ensure the safety of all on the College site by identifying outsiders. The College has a wide range of short term supports for students who do not have the uniform. Supports are also available for those experiencing financial difficulty. Refer to the College *Dress Code Policy* for more information.

- **Demonstrate regular attendance, punctuality and engagement.**

Students demonstrate our **REACH** values and a commitment to learning by maintaining a minimum attendance rate of 90%, being on time to all classes and actively engaging in all learning experiences. Valid student absences for sickness, medical appointment and urgent business that cannot be conducted at any other time are covered by an explanation from parents/carers or medical certificate. Refer to the *Attendance and Engagement Policy* for more information.

Losing Good Standing

Losing Good Standing will result in the student forfeiting privileges including the right to represent Ballajura Community College at an individual or team event, attend invitational events (e.g. school ball, camps, reward excursions and fun days) and access other extra-curricular activities (i.e. activities that enhance learning but are voluntary and are not required for the completion of a course). Good Standing will typically be lost for a period of five weeks.

A student may lose Good Standing should they:

- **Demonstrate negative behaviours that are in breach of the College's code of conduct**
This includes negative behaviour across a range of subjects or during break times despite implementation of various supports and intervention strategies.
- **Demonstrate serious behaviour concerns**
This includes serious behaviours for which a withdrawal and/or suspension is applied, refusal to follow behaviour plans or a breach of suspension re-entry requirements.
Students who start a fight, make physical contact with the intention to harm or film a fight will receive an automatic loss of Good Standing in line with the Department's 'Standing Together Against Violence'.
- **Breach the Dress Code**
If the student continues to wear items that do not align with the Dress Code and supports are refused, they will be recommended for loss of Good Standing.
- **Demonstrate poor attendance, punctuality or engagement**
If a student's attendance rate falls below 90% to the 'at risk' category without reasonable explanation or a student is regularly late to school/class, they will be recommended for loss of Good Standing. Students can also be recommended for loss of Good Standing if they are regularly absent from class and therefore not engaging with the learning curriculum.

Notification of loss of Good Standing

A list detailing the names of students who have lost their Good Standing will be maintained and be recorded in SEQTA. Staff will consult this list to determine who is eligible to attend College events.

Families will receive communication at the following stages:

- loss of Good Standing;
- reinstatement of Good Standing.

Reinstatement Good Standing

Students who have lost Good Standing need to follow these steps:

1. Obtain an *Application for Re-Instatement of Good Standing* form from Student Services.
2. Complete the application.
3. Return their application to Student Services which initiates a check of behaviour records and information from teachers to determine if Good Standing should be reinstated.

When Good Standing is reinstated, the student and parents/carers will be notified. The Good Standing list for staff will then be amended.

Students may request to apply for early reinstatement of their Good Standing. This will depend on several factors and is at the discretion of the College.