

Stratford Primary School: Policies

600 STAND DOWN, SUSPENSION & EXCLUSION POLICY

RATIONALE:

80 Principals of State schools may stand down or suspend students

- (1) The principal of a State school may stand down or suspend a student if satisfied on reasonable grounds that—
 - (a) The student's gross misconduct or continual disobedience is a harmful or dangerous example to other students at the school; or
 - (b) Because of the student's behaviour, it is likely that the student, or other students at the school, would be seriously harmed if the student were not stood down or suspended.

PURPOSE:

1. To ensure that there are recorded procedures, which are consistently and fairly applied, considering the individual circumstances of each stand-down, suspension, exclusion or expulsion.

REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION:

- Sections 79-89 of the Education and Training Act 2020

SCHOOL PROCEDURES THAT RELATE TO THIS POLICY:

- **88 Notice requirements for stand-downs, suspensions, exclusions, and expulsions**

- (1) Immediately after a student is stood down under section 80, the principal must tell the Ministry of Education and a parent/caregiver of the student—
 - (a) That the student has been stood down; and
 - (b) The reasons for the principal's decision; and
 - (c) The period for which the student has been stood down.
- (2) Immediately after a student is suspended under section 80, the principal must tell the Board, the Ministry of Education, and a parent/caregiver of the student—
 - (a) That the student has been suspended; and
 - (b) The reasons for the principal's decision.
- (3) Immediately after the principal or the board lifts a suspension, extends a suspension, excludes a student, or expels a student, the principal or the Board must tell the Ministry of Education and a parent/caregiver of the student—
 - (a) That the suspension has been lifted or extended, and the period of the extension (if any), or that the student has been excluded or expelled; and
 - (b) The reasons for the principal's or the Board's decision.
- (4) Nothing in this section requires the Board to tell a parent/caregiver of a student about an action taken under this section if the student has turned 20 years.

Review schedule: Triennially

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