

Dalmeny Public School Behaviour Support and Management Plan

Overview

Dalmeny Public School is dedicated to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour, ensuring all students engage in their learning constructively. Our aim is to inspire each child to contribute positively to the school community and beyond. We prioritize fostering excellence, opportunity, and success for every student, every day. We are committed to cultivating a safe, respectful, and caring learning environment where students thrive.

Our approach is grounded in the principles of positive behaviour support, trauma-informed practices, inclusive education, and social-emotional learning. We set and uphold high expectations for student behaviour through effective role modelling, explicit teaching, and planned responses.

To achieve our mission, key programs prioritised and valued by the community of Dalmeny Public School include the school's:

Values Curriculum, Social and Emotional Learning

Wellbeing Policy

Anti Bullying Policy

Citizenship Program

Rules and Explicit Teaching Matrix

Restorative Practices

Smiling Minds

These programs prioritise social and emotional learning which supports good mental health, positive relationships and supports prevention of bullying.

Dalmeny Public School rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including online (or cyber) bullying and maintains a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Staff focuses on the delivery of evidence-based teaching and learning that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur.

All members of the school community are active participants in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity and fosters positive relationships. A key component of a supportive school culture is building respectful relationships and an ethos that bullying is not accepted, in both online and offline environments. School staff actively respond to student bullying behaviour.

Partnership with parents and carers

Dalmeny Public School partners with parents/carers in establishing expectations for engagement in developing and implementing student behaviour management and antibullying strategies, by:

inviting parent/carer and student feedback through formal and informal means, such as Tell Them From Me surveys, school surveys, consulting with the P & C and local AECG.

using feedback to review school systems, data and practices.

Dalmeny Public School communicates expectations to parents/carers through the school newsletter and school website. Our school proactively builds collaborative relationships with families and communities to create a shared understanding of how to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.

School-wide expectations and rules

Dalmeny Public School has the following school-wide expectations and rules:

To be safe, respectful learners.

We are kind, honest, responsible, cooperative and work towards excellence in all we do.

Respectful	Safe	Learner
Be kind	Be safe	Ask for help
Be honest	Be on time	Restore harm
Be responsible	Be ready to learn	Overcome challenges
Be cooperative	Follow Instructions	Be your best, be positive
Focussed listening	Think safety	Work towards excellence
Use manners, please/thankyou	Observe school rules	Participate in your learning
Appropriate language	Be where you need to be	Play fairly, take turns
Include others	Call for help	Be prepared
Wear school uniform	Wear your hat	Respond thoughtfully

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

The Behaviour Code for Students can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policyprocedures/pd-2006-0316/pd-2006-0316-01>. This document translated into multiple languages is available here: [Behaviour Code for Students](#).

Whole school approach across the care continuum

Our school embeds student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches and strategies in practices across the care continuum to promote positive behaviour and respond to behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying behaviour.

These approaches and strategies are built on a foundation of evidence-based effective classroom practices that set the tone for engagement with learning and respectful relationships. These practices include:

- stating and explicitly teaching classroom expectations
- establishing predictable routines and procedures that are communicated clearly to students
- encouraging expected behaviour with positive feedback and reinforcement
- discouraging inappropriate behaviour
- providing active supervision of students
- maximising opportunities for active engagement with learning
- providing carefully sequenced engaging lessons that provide options for student choice
- differentiating learning content and tasks to meet the needs of all learners.

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Prevention	DPS Values Program	Values are shared with the school community at the beginning of the school year. Each fortnight a value is shared with the school community Kindness, honesty, responsibility, excellence, cooperation and respect are taught explicitly throughout the year, Kindergarten to Year 6.	All
Prevention	Citizenship Program	The Dalmeny Public School Citizenship Program is taught explicitly Kindergarten to Year 6. This includes Digital Citizenship.	Students K - 6
Prevention	School Rules and Explicit Teaching Matrix	The school rules and explicit teaching matrix are taught intensively for the first two weeks of the school year, Kindergarten to Year 6. The matrix is displayed in all classrooms for student and teacher referral and teaching and learning as required throughout the year.	Students K - 6
Prevention	Child protection	Teaching child protection education is mandatory syllabus.	Students K - 6

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Prevention / Early Intervention / Targeted / Individual	Australian eSafety Commissioner Toolkit for Schools to prevent and respond to cyberbullying	The toolkit resources are categorised into four elements: Prepare, Engage, Educate and Respond. The resources are used to engage with the school community about creating and maintaining safe online environments to prevent cyberbullying incidents. The toolkit includes actions to report and manage cyberbullying incidents.	All
Early Intervention	Peaceful kids	Small group counsellor intervention to support and increase the coping strategies of students who are feeling anxious, distressed or who have poor resilience in a small group environment at school.	Individual students K - 6
Targeted / Individual intervention	Learning and Support	The LST works with teachers, students and families to support students who require personalised learning and support.	All
Targeted / individual intervention	Attendance support	The LST refer students to the attendance co-ordinator who will convene a planning meeting with students, families and teachers to address barriers to improved attendance and set growth goals.	Individual students, attendance co-ordinator
Individual intervention	Individual behaviour support planning	This may include developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing: behaviour support, behaviour response and risk management plans.	Individual students, parent/carer, LAST, AP

Planned responses to positive appropriate behaviour, inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying

Identifying behaviour of concern, including bullying and cyberbullying

A behaviour of concern is challenging, complex or unsafe behaviour that requires more persistent and intensive interventions. A behaviour of concern does not include low-level inappropriate or developmentally appropriate behaviour. Bullying behaviour involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship, is ongoing and repeated and involves behaviour that can cause harm. See Appendix 1.

Dalmeny Public School staff will staff will identify inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying through a range of channels, for example:

- directly observing a student's behaviours, interactions, verbal communications, or work produced (such as written materials, performances or artworks)
- a person disclosing information that is not previously known, either because it is new information or because it has been kept a secret
- concerns raised by a parent, community member or agency.

Students or parents can report bullying to any staff member. NSW public school principals have the authority to take disciplinary action to address student behaviours that occur outside of school hours or school grounds, including cyberbullying. Students who have been bullied will be offered appropriate support, for example through the school counselling service.

Responses to all behaviours of concern apply to student behaviour that occurs:

- at school
- on the way to and from school
- on school-endorsed activities that are off-site
- outside school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and students' conduct
- when using social media, mobile devices and/or other technology involving another student or staff member.

Preventing and responding to behaviours of concern

Planned responses to behaviour that does not meet school expectations are either teacher or executive managed. Staff use their professional judgement in deciding whether a behaviour is teacher managed or executive managed. They should consider whether the behaviour poses a risk to the safety or wellbeing of the student or others.

Teacher managed – low level inappropriate behaviour is managed by teachers in the classroom and the playground.

Executive managed – behaviour of concern is managed by school executive.

Corrective responses are recorded on SENTRAL . These include:

Classroom	Non-classroom setting
rule reminder	rule reminder
re-direct	re-direct
offer choice	offer choice
error correction	error correction
prompts	prompts
reteach	reteach
seat change	play or playground re-direction
stay in at break to discuss/ complete work	walk with teacher

conference	detention, reflection and restorative practices
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Dalmeny Public School staff model, explicitly teach, recognise and reinforce positive student behaviour and behavioural expectations. The Dalmeny Citizenship and Values Program consist of evidence-based strategies and are explicitly taught daily to improve student self-regulation, reduce impulsivity, increase focus and strengthen peer networks. School Rules and school expectations are taught explicitly during weeks 1 and 2 of term 1 and there after as required and or scheduled.

We acknowledge that not all students are encouraged by the same thing or in the same ways. Younger students may be more motivated by adult attention while older students are typically more motivated by peer attention, activities, privileges, or freedom. When learning new skills, students need immediate and frequent reinforcement and as they develop mastery they respond to intermittent and long-term reinforcement to maintain their social behavioural efforts.

The use of verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is the most powerful way to:

- help learners to focus on positive social behaviour.
- increase the likelihood that students will use the expected behaviours and skills in the future.
- decrease unexpected behaviour and reduce the need for corrective responses.
- enhance self-esteem and build an internal focus of control.

Prevention Responses to recognise and reinforce positive, inclusive and safe behaviour	Early Intervention Responses to minor inappropriate behaviour are teacher managed.	Targeted/Individualised Responses to behaviours of concern are executive managed
1. Behaviour expectations are taught and referred to regularly. Teachers model behaviours and provide opportunities for practice. Students are acknowledged for meeting school-wide expectations and rules.	1. Refer to school-wide expectations and/or emotional regulation visuals and/or supports so that the student can self-regulate.	1. Contact office to seek help from executive straight away if there is a risk. Otherwise notify student's stage supervisor or executive ASAP and before the end of the school day.
2. Verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is paired with a positive, tangible reinforcer in a school-wide continuum for acknowledging expected behaviour.	2. Use indirect responses including proximity, signals, non-verbal cues, ignore, attend, praise, redirect with specific corrective feedback.	2. Executive/CT to take immediate steps to restore safety and return the situation to calm by using appropriate strategies such as: redirecting to another area or activity, providing reassurance or offering choices. Incident review and planning is scheduled for a later time, determined by the context and nature of the incident.

3. Tangible reinforcers include those that are: free and frequent moderate and intermittent significant and infrequent Intermittent and infrequent reinforcers are recorded on SENTRAL.	3. Use direct responses e.g. rule reminder, re-teach, provide choice, scripted interventions, student conference. Students have an opportunity to meet the classroom/playground behaviour expectation before low-level consequence is applied.	3. Executive collects information and reviews the incident from multiple perspectives to determine next steps. Executive to record incident on SENTRAL and contact parent/carer by email or phone. Executive/principal may consider further action e.g., formal caution or suspension.
4. Social emotional learning, Values and Citizenship lessons are taught explicitly weekly.	4. Teacher records on SENTRAL by the end of the school day. Monitor and inform family if repeated. For some incidents, referral is made to the school's anti-racism contact officer (ARCO) or anti-bullying co-ordinator.	4. Refer to the school's Learning and Support Team considering current and previous behaviour data. Other actions may include completing a risk assessment and/or collaboratively developing a behaviour support/response plan.
Teacher/parent contact	Teacher/parent contact	Teacher/parent contact
Teacher contact through the parent portal or phone calls home are used to communicate student effort to meet expectations. Recognition awards for positive individual and class behaviour are given at fortnightly school assemblies.	Teacher contacts parents by phone or email when a range of corrective responses have not been successful. Individual planning and referral to Learning Support Team may be discussed.	Parent/carer contact is made by school executive to discuss any support and behaviour responses, including referral to the LST, school counsellor, outside agencies or Team Around a School.

Responses to serious behaviours of concern

Responses for serious behaviours of concern, including students who display bullying behaviour, are recorded on SENTRAL. These may include:

- review and document incident.
- determine appropriate response/s, including supports for staff or other students impacted.
- refer/monitor the student through the school learning and support team.
- develop or review individual student support planning, including teaching positive replacement behaviour and making learning and environmental adjustments.
- detention, reflection and restorative practices (listed below).
- liaise with [Team Around a School](#) for additional support or advice.
- communication and collaboration with parents/carers (phone, email, parent portal, meeting).
- formal caution to suspend, suspension or expulsion.

The NSW Department of Education [Student Behaviour policy](#) and [Suspension and Expulsion Procedures](#) apply to all NSW public schools.

Reporting and recording behaviours of concern

Staff will comply with reporting and responding processes outlined in the:

- [Incident Notification and Response policy](#)
- [Incident Notification and Response Procedures](#)
- [Student Behaviour Policy](#) and [Suspension and Expulsion procedures](#)

Students and/or parents/carers can report cyberbullying to the [eSafety Commissioner](#) and reporting links for most sites, games and apps can be found at the [eSafety Guide](#).

Detention, reflection and restorative practices

Toilet and food breaks are always included when withdrawal from free choice play at either break is planned as a response to behaviour. The maximum length of time is appropriate to the age/developmental level of the student.

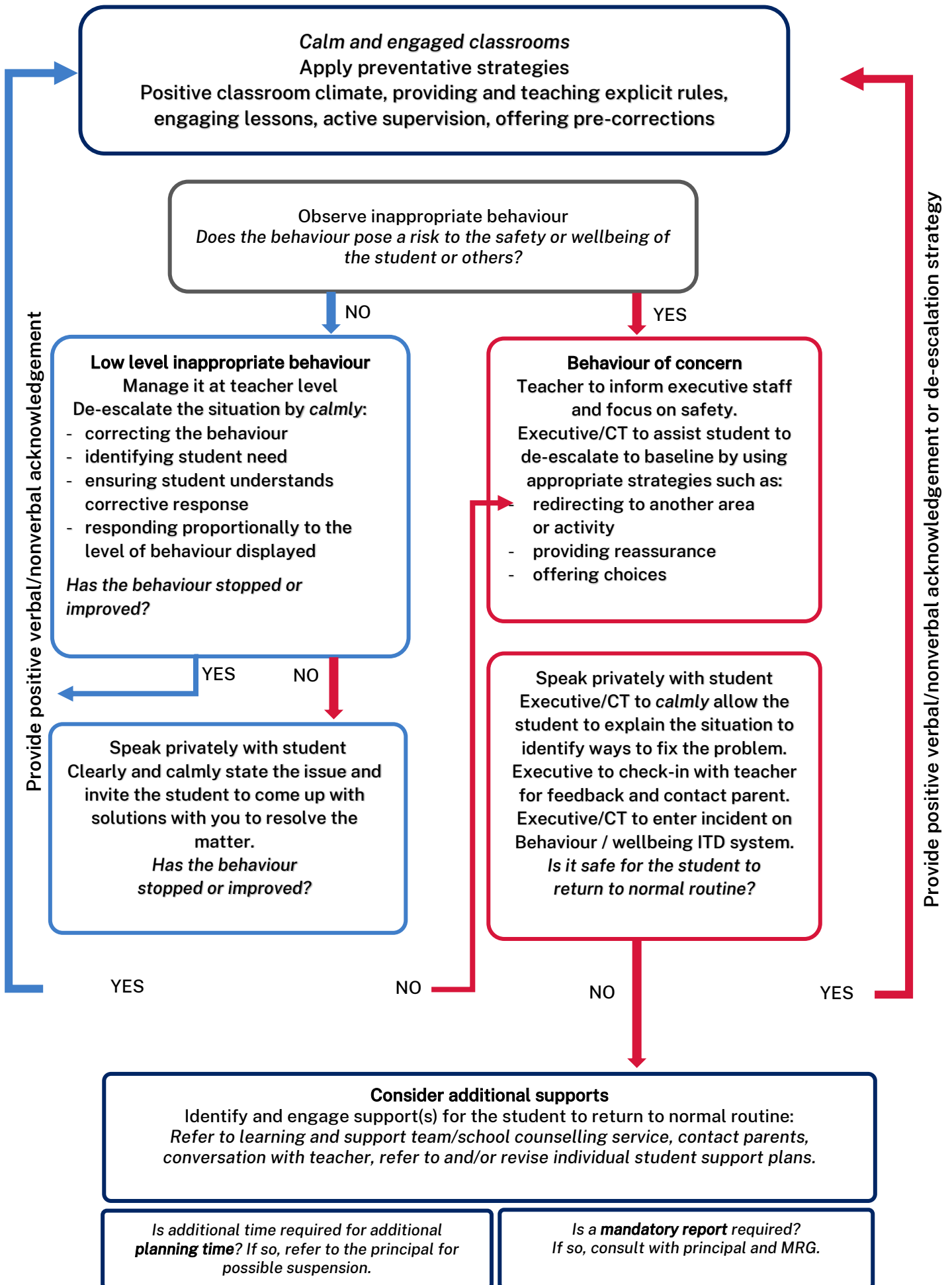
Strategy	When and how long?	Who coordinates?	How are these recorded?
Reflection room – a structured debriefing and planning after a crisis event or behaviour of concern with an individual student (reflection)	Next day at either lunch or recess break	Assistant Principal	Documented in SENTRAL
Alternate play plan – withdrawal from free choice play and re-allocation to office or classroom for supervised play following breach in behaviour. The purpose is to assist the student to achieve the desired behaviour, to reflect on their behaviour and make positive choices – individual or group detention.	Next break	Assistant Principal	Documented in SENTRAL
Restorative practice – peer mediation or circles in groups	Scheduled for either lunch or recess break	Assistant Principal	Documented in SENTRAL

Review dates

Last review date: 16th December 2024 for Day 1, Term 1, 2025.

Next review date: 16th December 2025 for Day 1, Term 1, 2026.

Appendix 1: Behaviour management flowchart



Bullying Response Flowchart

The following flowchart explains the actions Example Public School staff will take when they receive a report about student bullying, including bullying which may have occurred online or outside of the school setting. The timeframes will vary depending on the professional judgment of staff who receive the bullying complaint and their assessment of immediate risk to student/s.

