# Mount Compass Area School Behaviour Code

(Reviewed in 2017)

## Preamble
- At Mount Compass Area School we believe our school values underpin our actions.
- It is beholden on all of us to ensure that our values of Respect, Participate and Achieve are the cornerstone that inspires our students to be intrinsically responsible for their own actions.
- Students at Mount Compass Area School are consistently involved in the negotiation of our behavioural expectations and as a result, a simple reminder or request associated with minor misbehaviour is expected to resolve most situations.

## Level 0

**Behaviour that impedes the effective running of the classroom or the orderly operation of the school.**

Examples:
- disrupting learning and teaching eg talking in class inappropriately
- disturbing, interrupting others
- unacceptable learning behaviour eg homework consistently not done
- failure to meet deadlines
- avoiding work
- lateness
- failure to follow instructions
- undermining school routines eg failure to manage diary, return forms
- littering
- inappropriate uniform, not wearing hats
- minor unacceptable yard behaviour
- use of mobile phone without authorisation
- theft (minor eg food, pens/pencils, classroom equipment, balls)

**Who Responds/Records:** Inform

The teacher is directly involved in seeking own solution, taking appropriate action and negotiating solution with student. (class specific behaviour steps utilised)

Consultation may occur on an informal basis with other staff members, especially the Care Group / Class Teacher.

**Consequences:**

- As per classroom expectations with a focus on school values
  - Step 1: verbal or gesture of reminder
  - Step 2: warning/reminder of behaviour contravening eg "x is not acceptable. This is your formal warning"
  - Step 3: **disrupting learning and teaching:** "in-class sit out"/moving to another seat.
    - Possibility of permanent seating change OR
    - **Undermining school routines:** complete task to restore situation eg pick-up litter; class service; time out from play / walk with yard duty teacher.
    - OR
    - **Sanctions as per mobile phone policy use**

**NB:** No formal recording is required at Level 0 incidents.

**Common agreements in this document**
- All staff arrange/organise their own/roster “buddy classes”
- Buddy class is utilised at Level 1 and is a quiet time out where students have the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour (low-level poor behaviour)
- The Front Office is not to be used as a behaviour management response. Should staff find themselves in an escalating conflict situation they can contact the office for a member of leadership to provide support.
- Be aware when managing students with “Break-Cards” that we don’t confuse the issue between behaviour management and the individual student choice to implement a “break-time”.

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<td>OR</td>
<td>Irresponsible Behaviour - failure by student to respond to consequences for Level 0 irresponsible behaviour</td>
<td>Teacher continues to seek own solution, or consults with Sub-school Coordinator or Counsellor or Care Group teacher. Yr R-12: Complete Behaviour note in Daymap and keep Care Group/Class Teacher informed. Parents are informed, by letter, note or phone by the teacher. (note on Daymap) Who records/responds: Subject teacher notifies Care group teacher, Buddy class teacher, Counsellor, Community Leader using Daymap.</td>
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<td>Act of irresponsible behaviour which undermines the good order of the school - serious enough to draw to the attention of leadership. Examples:</td>
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<td>- ongoing harassment of other school community members</td>
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<td>- truancy (whole day)</td>
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<td>- leaving school grounds without following due process</td>
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| Step 5 | Internal/or external Suspension Step 5A Behaviour agreement and monitoring implemented at this level. NB: on every occasion where a student is removed from the learning process, ie buddy class, internal suspension, a re-entry process is to occur between the teacher and students and may include support from Sub-school Coordinator. External suspension from school is a likely outcome of Level 2 incidents. All external suspension requires the implementation of a re-entry agreement which will include conversations about future learning options and the implementation of daily behaviour monitoring; to be undertaken by sub-school coordinator and care group teacher. | | | |
**Level 3**

**Persistence of Level 0 - 2**

OR

Act directed against persons or property. Acts that may endanger the health/safety of others.

Examples:
- smoking
- vandalism
- theft major - (of another persons belongings)
- repeated harassment
- possession/use of unauthorised substances
- Physical assault

Automatic referral to member of leadership

Behaviour note completed on Daymap referred to Sub-School Coordinator Care Group Teacher and Front Office Leadership to discuss consequences with Principal. Information shared with Care Group teacher/Class teacher.

Parents informed by phone and letter and invited in by Principal / Leadership.

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(Record in IRMS) Principal/School Leader

Principal to administer consequences, including external suspension, in consultation with management

External suspension is likely at this level.

Communicate outcome to relevant staff via Staff Bulletin.

Re-entry process same as Level 2

Whether or not a suspension occurs, future consequences may be redefined to set tighter limits for individual students where needed, as part of a Behaviour Agreement.

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**Level 4**

**Continuation of level 3.**

OR

Acts which are clearly **criminal and/or are definitely** threatening and **dangerous** to the safety of persons, and as such require the immediate removal of the student from school, and possibly police intervention.

Examples:
- Arson
- Possession/use of drugs
- Possession/use of weapons
- Physical assault

REFER Referred to Principal.

Parents notified at once and involved and informed as per SEE processes (SEE process is managed by the Principal and/or delegate)

Police and District Office informed as required.

Complete record of incident, interviews, correspondence and consequences in student file. SEE documentation

Staff informed via Student Bulletin/Staff Meeting

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External suspension or exclusion are a highly probable outcome of repeated Level 3 and/or Level 4 incidents.