



**Definition:**

- Suspension means that a student is precluded from attending school and school activities for a specified period of time. Suspension in these procedures may include internal withdrawal of students from class, in exceptional circumstances withdrawal from the College
- Expulsion means that the school terminates its contractual obligations to educate a particular student.

**Rationale:**

It is the expectation that all students and staff can attend and work in a safe and secure environment. Student responsibilities are emphasised to create this environment. Those who enrol at SHC undertake, with their enrolment, to embrace these responsibilities. Suspension and expulsion are consequences that follow when regulations are breached repeatedly or one’s behaviour endangers others or is unlawful.

**Aims:**

To ensure that there is a clearly defined set of procedures for suspension and expulsion at Sacred Heart College. It is therefore expected that:

**Implementation:**

- Students and parents/guardians will be informed about the circumstances that have given rise to suspension and expulsion
- The legal obligations of the school will be taken into account
- All procedures for suspension and expulsion will be consistent with the rules of natural justice and procedural fairness
- The processes of suspension or expulsion as outlined in the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) and the Marist Schools Principals’ Policy Manual shall be followed
- Students and families will be treated respectfully as part of due process
- Suspension or expulsion will only be invoked when there is a serious and/or recurrent breach of student expectations as outlined in the College’s Personal Responsibility Policy, the terms and conditions outlined in the College’s Enrolment policy or the conduct of unlawful acts.

**Evaluation:**

Changes to the Suspension and Expulsion policy will be discussed in the following forums prior to any change:  
 College Executive  
 College Advisory Council  
 College staff and students

Please refer to the following CESA Policy [Procedures for Dealing with Suspension and Expulsion](#)

Policy Title	Suspension and Expulsion
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