



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 and the student's enrolment is concluded.

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 Sacred Heart 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.

Policy

Suspension and expulsion are consequences that follow when regulations are breached repeatedly or one's behaviour endangers others or is unlawful. 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

A copy of the CESA Procedures for Dealing with Suspension and Expulsion is available on request.

Policy Title	Suspension and Expulsion
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