



The Code of  
**School  
Behaviour**  
Better Behaviour  
Better Learning

# Runcorn State School

## ***Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students*** based on *The Code of School Behaviour*

### **1. Purpose**

**Runcorn State School** is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

This Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

### **2. Consultation and data review**

**Runcorn State School** developed this plan in collaboration with our school community. Consultation with parents, staff and students was aligned to Quadrennial School Review in Semester 2 2015 and undertaken through survey distribution and community meetings held in Semester 1 and Semester 2 2016 along with. A review of school data sets from 2015-2016 also informed the development process.

The Plan was endorsed by the Principal **and the President of the P&C and Chair of the School Council.**

### **3. Learning and behaviour statement**

All areas of **Runcorn State School** are learning and teaching environments. We consider behaviour management to be an opportunity for valuable social learning as well as a means of maximising the success of academic education programs. Our school-wide framework for managing behaviour is based on the You Can Do It! (YCDI!) program five Keys to Success and twelve Habits of The Mind.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan, shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting **Runcorn State School** to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment, where ALL school community members have clear and consistent expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful.

Our school rules have been agreed upon and endorsed by all staff and our school P&C and School Council. They are aligned with the values, principles and expected standards outlined in Education Queensland's Code of School Behaviour.

#### 4. Processes for facilitating standards of positive behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviour

##### Universal Behaviour Support

The first step in facilitating standards of positive behaviour is communicating those standards to **all** students. At Runcorn State School we emphasise the importance of directly teaching students the behaviours we want them to demonstrate at school. Communicating behavioural expectations is a form of universal behaviour support - a strategy directed towards **all** students which is designed to prevent problem behaviour and to provide a framework for responding to unacceptable behaviour.

A set of behavioural expectations in specific settings has been attached to each of our three school rules. The Schoolwide Expectations Teaching Matrix below outlines our agreed rules and specific behavioural expectations in all school settings.

SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS TEACHING MATRIX							
	ALL AREAS	CLASSROOM	ONLINE	PLAYGROUND	STAIRWELL	TOILETS	BUS LINES/BIKE RACKS
BE RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use equipment appropriately</li><li>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Walk</li><li>Sit still</li><li>Enter and exit room in an orderly manner</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participate in use of approved online sites and educational games</li><li>Be courteous and polite in all online communications</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participate in school approved games</li><li>Wear shoes and socks at all times</li><li>Be sun safe; wear a broad brimmed hat</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rails are for hands</li><li>Walk one step at a time</li><li>Carry items</li><li>Keep passage ways clear at all times</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Respect privacy of others</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use own bike/scooter only</li><li>Wait inside the gate until the bus stops</li></ul>
BE RESPONSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ask permission to leave the classroom</li><li>Be on time</li><li>Be in the right place at the right time</li><li>Follow instructions straight away</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be prepared</li><li>Complete set tasks</li><li>Take an active role in classroom activities</li><li>Keep work space tidy</li><li>Be honest</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report any unacceptable behaviour to a teacher</li><li>Post only appropriate content online</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be a problem solver</li><li>Return equipment to appropriate place at the sports bell</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Move peacefully in single file</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use toilets during breaks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Walk bike/scooter in school grounds</li><li>Have your name marked on the bus roll</li><li>Leave school promptly</li></ul>
BE SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Respect others' personal space and property</li><li>Care for equipment</li><li>Clean up after yourself</li><li>Use polite language</li><li>Wait your turn</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Raise your hand to speak</li><li>Respect others' right to learn</li><li>Talk in turns</li><li>Be a good listener</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Respect others' right to use online resources free from interference or bullying</li><li>Keep any usernames or passwords private</li><li>Follow all teacher instructions about keeping private information off online sites</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Play fairly – take turns, invite others to join in and follow rules</li><li>Care for the environment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Walk quietly and in an orderly way so that others are not disturbed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wash hands after using the toilet and before eating food</li><li>Walk</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wait your turn</li><li>Keep your belongings nearby</li><li>Have your bus pass ready</li></ul>

These expectations are communicated to students via a number of strategies, including:

- Behaviour lessons based on the YCDI! Program conducted by classroom teachers;
- Reinforcement of learning from behaviour lessons at Parade and during active supervision by staff during classroom and non-classroom activities.

**Runcorn State School** implements the following proactive and preventative processes and strategies to support student behaviour:

- Regular school newsletter items, enabling parents to be actively and positively involved in school behaviour expectations.
- PD provision of information to staff and parents, and support to others in sharing successful practices.
- Induction programs in the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students delivered to new students as well as new and relief staff.
- Individual support profiles developed for students with high behavioural needs, enabling staff to make the necessary adjustments to support these students consistently across all classroom and non-classroom settings.

Specific policies have been developed to address:

- The Use of Personal Technology Devices at School (Appendix 1);
- Procedures for Preventing and Responding to Incidents of Bullying (Appendix 2); and
- Appropriate Use of Social Media (Appendix 3).

### **Reinforcing expected school behaviour**

At **Runcorn State School**, communication of our key messages about behaviour is backed up through reinforcement, which provides students with feedback for engaging in expected school behaviour. A YCDI! formal recognition and monitoring system has been developed. This reinforcement system is designed to increase the quantity and quality of positive interactions between students and staff. All staff members are trained to give consistent and appropriate acknowledgement and rewards.

#### **Runcorn State School YCDI! Awards**

Staff members hand out YCDI! slips to students when they observe them following the school rules and activating the 5 Keys to Success: organisation; getting along; resilience; persistence; confidence and the 12 Habits of the Mind in both classroom and non-classroom settings. This reinforcement occurs continually throughout the day. Students glue these slips onto the Tier 1: Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificate and Tier 2 Emerald, Platinum Diamond Certificate they are currently working on.

Each Parade the names of students who have completed a Certificate are read out. Students completing the Gold Certificate are invited to attend afternoon tea with the Principal. Students receiving a Diamond Award have their names entered on the Diamond Honour Board.

### **Responding to unacceptable behaviour**

#### **1. Re-directing low-level and infrequent problem behaviour**

When a student exhibits low-level and infrequent problem behaviour, the first response of school staff members is to remind the student of expected school behaviour, then ask them to change their behaviour so that it aligns with our school's expectations.

Our preferred way of re-directing low-level problem behaviour is to ask them to think of how they might be able to act more safely, more respectfully or more responsibly. This encourages students to reflect on their own behaviour, evaluate it against expected school behaviour, and plan how their behaviour could be modified so as to align with the expectations of our school community.

## 2. Reflection Time

Students who have not responded to redirection or have broken one of the School Rules of being Respectful, Responsible and Safe are referred for Reflection Time. Students are given a blue Reflection Time Notification form to take home. This forms part of our valued school-home communication, so that parents are aware of their child's behaviour at school. Parent signature is not required for Reflection Time to be undertaken. Reflection Time takes place each lunch time from approximately 11.15am – 11.45am and ideally occurs the day following the undesirable behaviour. During Reflection Time, students consider the School Rule they have broken and ways they can implement elements of the YCDI! program in future similar situations with more positive outcomes.

## 3. Intensive behaviour support:

**Runcorn State School** is committed to educating all students, including those with the highest behavioural support needs. We recognise that students with highly complex and challenging behaviours need comprehensive systems of support. The *School Based Intervention Team (SBIT)* confers with appropriate staff to complete any of the following:

- Functional Behaviour Assessment for appropriate students;
- develop appropriate behaviour support strategies with other staff members to achieve continuity and consistency.
- monitors the impact of support for individual students through ongoing data collection;
- makes adjustments as required for the student.

## 5. Consequences for unacceptable behaviour

**Runcorn State School** makes systematic efforts to prevent problem student behaviour by teaching and reinforcing expected behaviours on an ongoing basis. When unacceptable behaviour occurs, students experience predictable consequences. Our school seeks to ensure that responses to unacceptable behaviour are consistent and proportionate to the nature of the behaviour. An office referral form (Appendix 3) is used to record all minor and major problem behaviour. The recording of three minor behaviours constitutes a major behaviour.

### Minor and major behaviours

When responding to problem behaviour, the staff member first determines if the problem behaviour is major or minor, with the following agreed understanding:

- **Minor** problem behaviour is handled by staff members at the time it happens.
- **Major** problem behaviour is referred directly to the school Leadership / Administration team.

**Minor** behaviours are those that:

- are minor breeches of the school rules;
- do not seriously harm others or cause you to suspect that the student may be harmed;
- do not violate the rights of others in any other serious way;
- are not part of a pattern of problem behaviours; and
- do not require involvement of specialist support staff or Leadership / Administration.

Minor problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- a minor consequence that is logically connected to the problem behaviour, such as complete removal from an activity or event for a specified period of time, partial removal (time away), individual meeting with the student, apology, restitution or detention for work completion.
- a re-direction procedure. The staff member takes the student aside and:
  1. names the behaviour that the student is displaying;
  2. asks the student to name expected school behaviour;
  3. states and explains expected school behaviour if necessary; and
  4. gives positive verbal acknowledgement for expected school behaviour.

**Major** behaviours are those that:

- significantly violate the rights of others;
- put others / self at risk of harm; and
- require the involvement of school Leadership / Administration.

**Major** behaviours result in an immediate referral to Leadership / Administration because of their seriousness. When major problem behaviour occurs, staff members calmly state the major problem behaviour to the student and remind them of the expected school behaviour. The staff member then completes the office referral form and escorts the student to Leadership / Administration.

Major problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- Time in office, removal to buddy classroom, alternate lunchtime activities, loss of privilege, restitution, loss of break times, warning regarding future consequence for repeated offence;
- Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to SBIT, suspension from school;
- Students who engage in very serious problem behaviours such as major violent physical assault, or the use or supply of weapons or drugs can expect to be recommended for exclusion from school following an immediate period of suspension.

The following table outlines examples of minor and major problem behaviours:

	Area	Minor	Major
<b>Being Safe</b>	Movement around school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running on concrete or around buildings</li> <li>• Running in stairwells</li> <li>• Not walking bike in school grounds</li> </ul>	
	Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorrect use of equipment</li> <li>• Not playing school approved games</li> <li>• Playing in toilets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throwing objects</li> <li>• Possession of weapons</li> </ul>
	Physical contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor physical contact (for example, pushing and shoving)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious physical aggression</li> <li>• Fighting</li> </ul>
	Correct Attire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not wearing a hat in playground</li> <li>• Not wearing shoes outside</li> </ul>	
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possession or selling of drugs</li> <li>• Weapons including knives and any other items which could be considered a weapon being taken to school</li> <li>• Serious, or continued, inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school</li> </ul>
<b>Being Responsible</b>	Class tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not completing set tasks that are at an appropriate level</li> <li>• Refusing to work</li> </ul>	
	Being in the right place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not being punctual (eg: lateness after breaks)</li> <li>• Not in the right place at the right time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaving class without permission (out of sight)</li> <li>• Leaving school without permission</li> </ul>
	Follow instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low intensity failure to respond to adult request</li> <li>• Non compliance</li> <li>• Unco-operative behaviour</li> </ul>	
	Accept outcomes for behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor dishonesty (lying about involvement in a low-level incident)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major dishonesty that has a negative impact on others</li> </ul>
	Rubbish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littering</li> </ul>	
	Mobile Phone or personal technology devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile phone switched on in any part of the school at any time without authorisation (written permission from an authorised staff member)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of a mobile phone in any part of the school for voicemail, email, text messaging or filming purposes without authorisation</li> <li>• Inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school</li> </ul>
<b>Being Respectful</b>	Language (including while online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inappropriate language (written/verbal)</li> <li>• Calling out</li> <li>• Poor attitude</li> <li>• Disrespectful tone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offensive language</li> <li>• Aggressive language</li> <li>• Verbal abuse / directed profanity</li> </ul>
	Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petty theft</li> <li>• Lack of care for the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stealing / major theft</li> <li>• Wilful property damage</li> <li>• Vandalism</li> </ul>
	Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not playing fairly</li> <li>• Minor disruption to class</li> <li>• Minor defiance</li> <li>• Minor bullying / victimisation/ harassment</li> <li>• Inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major bullying / victimisation /harassment</li> <li>• Major disruption to class</li> <li>• Blatant disrespect</li> <li>• Major defiance</li> <li>• Serious, or continued, inappropriate use of personal technology devices or social networking sites, which impacts on the good order and management of the school</li> </ul>

### **Relate problem behaviours to expected school behaviours**

When responding to problem behaviours, staff members ensure that students understand the relationship of the problem behaviour to expected school behaviour. One method that staff members might use to achieve this is to have students:

- articulate the relevant expected school behaviour and School Rules;
- explain how their behaviour differs from expected school behaviour;
- describe the likely consequences if the problem behaviour continues; and
- identify how they can use the YCDI! Keys to Success and Habits of The Mind to bring changes their behaviour in line with expected school behaviour.

Should a problem behaviour be repeated, the staff member may not repeat the discussion/explanation process but simply remind the student of the consequences of their problem behaviour.

### **Ensuring consistent responses to problem behaviour**

At Runcorn State School, staff members authorised to issue consequences for problem behaviour are provided with appropriate professional development to ensure consistent responses to problem behaviour across the school.

Students also receive training in how to respond appropriately when other students display problem behaviour, and the courteous way to respond when a staff member re-directs their behaviour or consequences are applied for problem behaviour. This includes using the High Five:

- Ignore the behaviour
- Talk to them nicely
- Ask them to please stop the behaviour, specifying the behaviour
- Walk away
- Ask an adult for intervention and assistance

## **6. Emergency or critical incident responses**

It is important that all staff have a consistent understanding of how to respond to emergency situations or critical incidents involving severe problem behaviour. This consistency ensures that appropriate actions are taken to ensure that both students and staff are kept safe.

An **emergency situation or critical incident** is defined as an occurrence that is sudden, urgent, and usually unexpected, or an occasion requiring immediate action.

**Severe problem behaviour** is defined as behaviour of such intensity, frequency, or duration that the physical safety of the student or others is likely to be placed in serious jeopardy.

### **Basic defusing strategies**

1. **Avoid escalating the problem behaviour:** Avoid shouting, cornering the student, moving into the student's space, touching or grabbing the student, sudden responses, sarcasm, becoming defensive, communicating anger and frustration through body language.
2. **Maintain calmness, respect and detachment:** Model the behaviour you want students to adopt, stay calm and controlled, use a serious measured tone, choose your language carefully, avoid humiliating the student, be matter of fact and avoid responding emotionally.
3. **Approach the student in a non-threatening manner:** Move slowly and deliberately toward the problem situation, speak privately to the student/s where possible, speak calmly and respectfully, minimise body language, keep a reasonable distance, establish eye level position, be brief, stay with the agenda, acknowledge cooperation, withdraw if the situation escalates.
4. **Follow through:** If the student starts displaying the appropriate behaviour briefly acknowledge their choice and re-direct other students' attention towards their usual work/activity. If the student continues with the problem behaviour then remind them of the expected school behaviour and identify consequences of continued unacceptable behaviour).

## Physical Intervention

Staff may make legitimate use of physical intervention if all non-physical interventions have been exhausted and a student is:

- physically assaulting another student or staff member; or
- posing an immediate danger to him/herself or to others.

Appropriate physical intervention may be used to ensure that **Runcorn State School's** duty of care to protect students and staff from foreseeable risks of injury is met. The use of physical intervention is only considered appropriate where the immediate safety of others is threatened and the strategy is used to prevent injury.

Physical intervention can involve coming between students, blocking a student's path, leading a student by the hand/arm, shepherding a student by placing a hand in the centre of the upper back, removing potentially dangerous objects and, in extreme situations, using more forceful restraint.

It is important that all staff understand:

- physical intervention cannot be used as a form of punishment;
- physical intervention must not be used when a less severe response can effectively resolve the situation and the underlying function of the behaviour.

Physical intervention is not to be used as a response to:

- property destruction;
- school disruption;
- refusal to comply;
- verbal threats; and
- leaving a classroom or the school, unless student safety is clearly threatened.

Any physical intervention made must:

- be reasonable in the particular circumstances;
- be in proportion to the circumstances of the incident;
- always be the minimum force needed to achieve the desired result; and
- take into account the age, stature, disability, understanding and gender of the student.

## Record keeping

Each instance involving the use of physical intervention must be formally documented. The processes can be found at <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/hr/workplace/Pages/Health-and-Safety-Incident-Recording,-Notification-and-Management.aspx> online.

## 7. Network of student support

Students at **Runcorn State School** are supported through positive reinforcement and a system of universal, targeted, and intensive behaviour support by:

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| • Parents              | • Guidance Officer           |
| • Teachers             | • Advisory Visiting Teachers |
| • Support Staff        | • Senior Guidance Officer    |
| • Head of Department   |                              |
| • Administration Staff |                              |

External support is also available through some of the following government and community agencies:

- Disability Services Queensland
- Child and Youth Mental Health
- Queensland Health
- Department of Communities (Child Safety Services)
- Police
- Local Council

## **8. Consideration of individual circumstances**

To ensure alignment with the Code of School Behaviour when applying consequences, the individual circumstances and actions of the student and the needs and rights of school community members are considered at all times.

**Runcorn State School** considers the individual circumstances of students when applying support and consequences by:

- promoting an environment which is responsive to the diverse needs of its students
- establishing procedures for applying fair, equitable and non violent consequences for infringement of the code ranging from the least intrusive sanctions to the most stringent
- recognising and taking into account students' age, gender, disability, cultural background, socioeconomic situation and their emotional state
- recognising the rights of all students to:
  - express opinions in an appropriate manner and at the appropriate time
  - work and learn in a safe environment regardless of their age, gender, disability, cultural background or socio-economic situation, and
  - receive adjustments appropriate to their learning and/or impairment needs.

## **9. Related legislation**

- Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Commonwealth Disability Standards for Education 2005
- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006
- Criminal Code Act 1899
- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991
- Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000
- Judicial Review Act 1991
- Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011
- Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2011
- Right to Information Act 2009
- Information Privacy (IP) Act 2009

## **10. Related policies and procedures**

- Statement of expectations for a disciplined school environment policy
- Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment
- Inclusive Education
- Enrolment in State Primary, Secondary and Special Schools
- Student Dress Code
- Student Protection
- Hostile People on School Premises, Wilful Disturbance and Trespass
- Police and Child Safety Officer Interviews with Students, and Police Searches at State Educational Institutions
- Acceptable Use of the Department's Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Network and Systems
- Managing Electronic Identities and Identity Management
- Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Equipment by Students
- Temporary Removal of Student Property by School Staff

## **11. Some related resources**

- Bullying. No Way!
- Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support

- Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses

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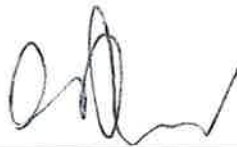
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### ***Endorsement***



Principal

Date: 5/12/16



P&C President

Date: 5/12/16



Chair, School Council

Date: 5/12/16

Effective Date: 1 January 2017– 31 December 2018

## **Appendix 1**

### **The use of personal technology devices at school**

This policy reflects the importance the school places on students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using personal technology devices.

Personal Technology Devices include, but are not limited to, games devices (such as Portable gaming devices, Tamagotchis®, laptop computers, PDAs, Blackberrys®, cameras and/or voice recording devices (whether or not integrated with a mobile phone or MP3 player), mobile telephones, iPods® and devices of a similar nature.

#### **Certain personal technology devices banned from school**

Students must not bring valuable personal technology devices like cameras, digital video cameras or MP3 players to school as there is a risk of damage or theft. Such devices will be confiscated by school staff and may be collected at the end of the day from the school office. Breaches of this prohibition may result in discipline.

#### **Confiscation**

Permitted personal technology devices such as mobile phones and personal iPads used contrary to this policy on school premises will be confiscated by school staff. They will be made available for collection from the school office at the end of the school day unless required to be kept for purposes of disciplinary investigation, when it will only be returned in the presence of a parent.

Devices potentially containing evidence of criminal offences may be reported to the police. In such cases police may take possession of such devices for investigation purposes and students and parents will be advised to contact Queensland Police Service (QPS) directly.

Students who have a personal technology device confiscated more than once will not be permitted to have a personal technology device at school for at least one month, or longer if deemed necessary by the Principal.

#### **Personal technology device etiquette**

Bringing personal technology devices to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them. However, if they are brought to school, they must be turned off and out of sight during assemblies or classes. Personal technology devices may be used at morning tea and lunch breaks and before and after school.

#### **Recording voice and images**

Every member of the school community should feel confident about participating fully and frankly in all aspects of school life without concern that their personal privacy is being invaded by them being recorded without their knowledge or consent.

We uphold the value of trust and the right to privacy at Runcorn State School. Students using personal technology devices to record inappropriate behaviours or incidents (such as vandalism, fighting, bullying, staged fighting or pranks etc) for the purpose of dissemination among the student body or outside the school, by any means (including distribution by phone or internet posting) builds a culture of distrust and disharmony.

Students must not record images anywhere that recording would not reasonably be considered appropriate (e.g. in change rooms, toilets or any other place where a reasonable person would expect to be afforded privacy). Recording of events in class is not permitted unless express consent is provided by the class teacher.

A student at school who uses a personal technology device to record private conversations, ordinary school activities (apart from social functions like graduation ceremonies) or violent, illegal or embarrassing matter capable of bringing the school into public disrepute is considered to be in breach of this policy.

Even where consent is obtained for such recording, the school will not tolerate images or sound captured by personal technology devices on the school premises or elsewhere being disseminated to others, if it is done for the purpose of causing embarrassment to individuals or the school, for the purpose of bullying or harassment, including racial and sexual harassment, or where without such intent a reasonable person would conclude that such outcomes may have or will occur.

Students may be subject to discipline (including suspension and recommendation for exclusion) if they breach the policy by being involved in recording and/or disseminating material (through text messaging, display, internet uploading or other means) or are knowingly the subject of such a recording.

Students should note that the recording or dissemination of images that are considered indecent (such as nudity or sexual acts involving children) are against the law and if detected by the school will result in a referral to QPS.

### **Text communication**

The sending of text messages that contain obscene language and/or threats of violence may amount to bullying and or harassment or even stalking, and will subject the sender to discipline and possible referral to QPS. Students receiving such text messages at school should ensure they keep the message as evidence and bring the matter to the attention of the school office.

### **Assumption of cheating**

Personal technology devices may not be taken into or used by students at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by staff. Staff will assume students in possession of such devices during exams or assessments are cheating. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student who is caught using a personal technology device to cheat during exams or assessments.

### **Recording private conversations and the *Invasion of Privacy Act 1971***

It is important that all members of the school community understand that under the *Invasion of Privacy Act 1971*, 'a person is guilty of an offence against this Act if the person uses a listening device to overhear, record, monitor or listen to a private conversation'. It is also an offence under this Act for a person who has overheard, recorded, monitored or listened to a conversation to which s/he is not a party to publish or communicate the substance or meaning of the conversation to others.

Students need to understand that some conversations are private and therefore to overhear, record, monitor or listen to such private conversations may be in breach of this Act, unless consent to the recording is appropriately obtained.

### **Special circumstances arrangement**

Students who require the use of a personal technology device in circumstances that would contravene this policy (for example to assist with a medical condition or other disability or for a special project) should negotiate a special circumstances arrangement with the Deputy Principal or Principal.

## Appendix 2

### School policy for preventing and responding to incidents of bullying (including cyberbullying)

#### Purpose

**Runcorn State School** strives to create positive, predictable environments for all students at all times of the day. The disciplined and teaching environment that we are creating is essential to:

- achieving overall school improvement, including the effectiveness and efficiency of our student support procedures
- raising achievement and attendance
- promoting equality and diversity and
- ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of the school community.

There is no place for bullying in **Runcorn State School**. Those who are bullied and those who bully are at risk for behavioural, emotional and academic problems. These outcomes are in direct contradiction to our school community's goals and efforts for supporting all students.

Bullying behaviours that will not be tolerated at **Runcorn State School** include name-calling, taunting, mocking, making offensive comments, kicking, hitting, pushing, taking belongings, inappropriate text messaging, sending offensive or degrading images by phone or internet, producing offensive graffiti, gossiping, excluding people from groups, and spreading hurtful and untruthful rumours.

Bullying may be related to:

- race, religion or culture;
- disability;
- appearance or health conditions;
- sexual orientation;
- sexist or sexual language;
- children acting as carers; or
- children in care.

At **Runcorn State School** there is broad agreement among students, staff and parents that bullying is observable and measurable behaviour. When considering whether or not bullying has occurred, we will therefore avoid speculation on the intent of the behaviour, the power of individuals involved, or the frequency of its occurrence. Whether bullying behaviour is observed between students of equal or unequal power, whether it occurs once or several times, and whether or not the persons involved cite intimidation, revenge, or self-defence as a motive, the behaviour will be responded to in similar fashion, that is, as categorically unacceptable in the school community.

#### Rationale

Many bullying behaviours are peer-maintained through the actions of bystanders. That is, peers react to bullying in ways that may increase the likelihood of it occurring again in the future. Reactions include joining in, laughing, or simply standing and watching, rather than intervening to help the person being bullied. Whilst our school would never encourage students to place themselves at risk, our anti-bullying procedures involve teaching the entire school a set of safe and effective responses to all problem behaviour, including bullying, in such a way that those who bully are not socially reinforced for demonstrating it.

The anti-bullying procedures at **Runcorn State School** are imbedded in our YCDI! Program, particularly under the Getting Along Key to Success. This means that all students are being explicitly taught the expected school behaviours and receiving high levels of social acknowledgement for doing so. How to prevent and respond to bullying is a subset of procedures and expectations that our students are already accustomed to.

## **Prevention**

Attempting to address specific problem behaviours will not be successful if the general level of disruptive behaviour in all areas of our school is not kept to a low level. Therefore, our schoolwide universal behaviour support practices will be maintained at all times.

This will ensure that:

- Our universal behaviour support processes will always remain the primary strategy for preventing problem behaviour, including preventing the subset of bullying behaviour
- All students know the 3 school rules and have been taught the expected behaviours attached to each rule in all areas of the school
- All students have been or are being taught the specific routines in the non-classroom areas, from exiting the classroom, conducting themselves in accordance with the school expectations in the playground and other areas, to re-entering their classrooms
- All students are receiving high levels of positive reinforcement for demonstrating expected behaviours, including those associated with following our routines, from all staff in the non-classroom areas of the school
- A high level of quality active supervision is a permanent staff routine in the non-classroom areas. This means that duty staff members are easily identifiable and are constantly moving, scanning and positively interacting as they move through the designated supervision sectors of the non-classroom areas.

Runcorn State School records inappropriate behaviour and uses behavioural data for decision-making and can be recalled as summary reports at any time. This facility allows the school to track all behaviours including bully behaviours to make any necessary adjustments, and to identify specific bullying behaviours that may need to be revisited or revised in the instructional process.

## **Appendix 3**

### **Appropriate use of social media**

Runcorn State School embraces the amazing opportunities that technology and the internet provide to students for learning, being creative and socialising online. Use of online communication and social media sites and applications (apps) can provide positive social development experiences through an opportunity to develop friendships and shape identities.

When used safely, social media sites and apps such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram can provide positive opportunities for social learning and development. However, inappropriate, or misguided, use can lead to negative outcomes for the user and others.

Runcorn State School is committed to promoting the responsible and positive use of social media sites and apps.

As is set out in the school policy for preventing and responding to incidents of bullying (including cyberbullying) found at **Appendix 2**, it is unacceptable for students to bully, harass or victimise another person whether within Runcorn State School grounds or while online. Inappropriate online behaviours can have a negative impact on student learning and the good order and management of Runcorn State School, whether those behaviours occur during or outside school hours.

This policy reflects the importance of students at Runcorn State School engaging in appropriate online behaviour.

#### **Role of social media**

The majority of young people use social media sites and apps on a daily basis for school work, entertainment and to keep in contact with friends. Unfortunately, some young people misuse social media technologies and engage in cyberbullying.

Social media by its nature will result in the disclosure and sharing of personal information. By signing up for a social media account, users are providing their personal information.

Students need to remember that the internet is a free space and many social media sites and apps, like Twitter, have limited restrictions placed upon allowable content and regulated procedures for the removal of concerning posts.

Social media sites and apps are designed to share online content widely and rapidly. Once students place information and/or pictures online, they have little to no control over how that content is used.

The internet reaches a global audience. Even if students think that comments or photos have been deleted, there can be archived records of the material that will continue to be searchable into the future.

Inappropriate online behaviour has the potential to embarrass and affect students, others and the school for years to come.

### **Appropriate use of social media**

Students of Runcorn State School are expected to engage in the appropriate use of social media. Specific examples of appropriate use of social media sites and apps include:

- Ensuring that personal information, such as full name, address, phone number, school name and location or anyone else's personal information, is not shared.
- Thinking about what they want to say or post, and how it could be interpreted by others, before putting it online. Remember, once content is posted online you lose control over it. Students should not post content online that they would be uncomfortable saying or showing to their parents' face or shouting in a crowded room.
- Remembering that it can be difficult to work out whether messages typed on social media sites and apps are meant to be funny or sarcastic. Tone of voice and context is often lost which can lead to unintended consequences. If students think a message may be misinterpreted, they should be cautious and make the decision not to post it.
- Never provoking, or engaging with, another user who is displaying inappropriate or abusive behaviour. There is no need to respond to a cyberbully. Students should report cyberbullying concerns to a teacher and allow the teacher to record and deal with the online concern.

If inappropriate online behaviour impacts on the good order and management of Runcorn State School, the school may impose disciplinary consequences for that behaviour regardless of whether the behaviour occurs during or outside of school hours.

Disciplinary consequences could include suspension and/or exclusion. In serious cases of inappropriate online behaviour, the school may also make a report to the police for further investigation.

Runcorn State School will not become involved in concerns of cyberbullying or inappropriate online behaviour where the incident in question does not impact upon the good order and management of the school. For example, where cyberbullying occurs between a student of this school and a student of another school outside school hours. Such an incident will be a matter for parents and/or police to resolve.

### **Laws and consequences of inappropriate online behaviour and cyberbullying**

Inappropriate online behaviour may in certain circumstances constitute a criminal offence. Both the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) and the *Criminal Code Act 1899* (Qld) contain relevant provisions applicable to cyberbullying.

The Commonwealth Criminal Code outlines a number of criminal offences concerning telecommunications services. The most relevant offence for cyberbullying is "using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence to another person".

The Queensland Criminal Code contains several applicable sections for cyberbullying. Potential relevant criminal offences are:

- Unlawful stalking.
- Computer hacking and misuse.
- Possession of child exploitation material.
- Involving a child in making child exploitation material.
- Making child exploitation material.

- Distribution of child exploitation material.
- Criminal Defamation.

There are significant penalties for these offences.

Runcorn State School strives to create positive environments for all students at all times of the day, including while online. To help in achieving this goal, Runcorn State School expects its students to engage in positive online behaviours.

## Appendix 4



### Runcorn State School Reflection Time Notification Form

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2016    Class:    Student Name:

You have been given Reflection Time because you:

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Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

As a consequence, you will undertake Reflection Time during lunch playtime on the next:

Monday \_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_

During Reflection Time you will discuss and:

- ☐ clarify our school rules
- ☐ reflect on the inappropriate behaviour and more appropriate choices in the future
- ☐ consider how you can use the 'You Can Do It' Keys to Success and Habits of the Mind to support your decisions about behaviour

Please take this Reflection Time Notification home and discuss with your parents and to show that you have discussed with your parents ask them to sign.

Dear Parents/Caregivers, \_\_\_\_\_ has been given Reflection Time as outlined above and will perform a 20-30 minute supervised reflection time during lunch playtime. Can you please discuss this with your child.

Parent / Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

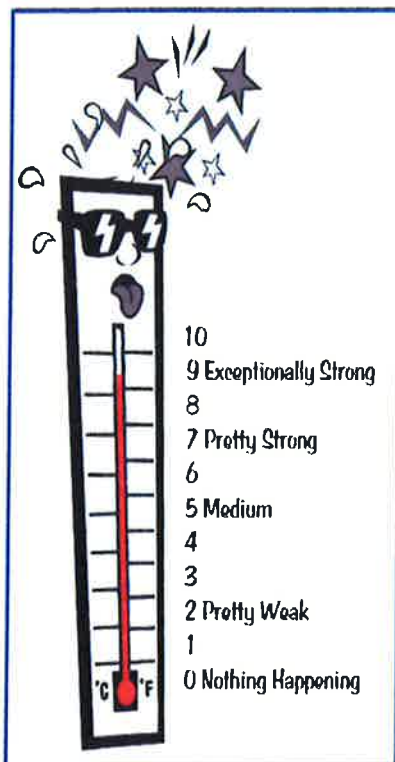
## Appendix 5



### Reflection Time Managing your Emotions in Prep



Why are you in Reflection Time? Draw a picture of what happened.



Draw a picture of what you should have done.



Name..... Class:.....

Date:..... Supervising Teacher .....

Draw a picture of our school rules.

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

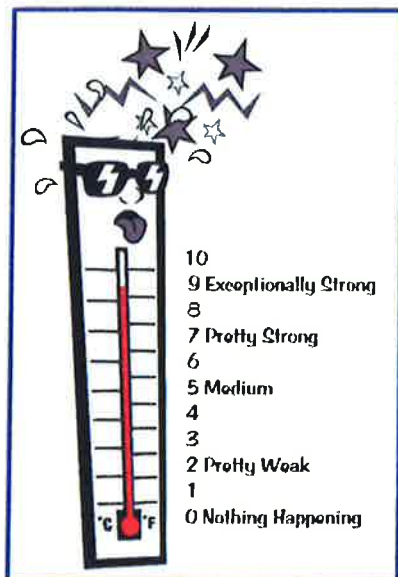
**Be Respectful**



## Reflection Time

### Managing your Emotions in Year 1-Year 3

When you acted in a way that was not Being Safe, Being Responsible or Being Respectful how did you feel? \_\_\_\_\_



Draw an arrow ( ) on the thermometer to show how strong this emotion was.

What were you thinking when this happened?

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Look at the 'Howbadzzat' Catastrophe scale and find a picture is similar to your problem and circle it.

How bad was the problem really?

Do you think your reaction to the problem was Catastrophized or Not Catastrophized

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What could you do to manage your emotions better next time? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reflection Time Year 1 – Year 3

Name: ..... Class: .....  
Date: ..... Supervising Teacher: .....

What are our school rules?

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Why am I in Reflection Time? What was I doing ?

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What would have been a better choice?

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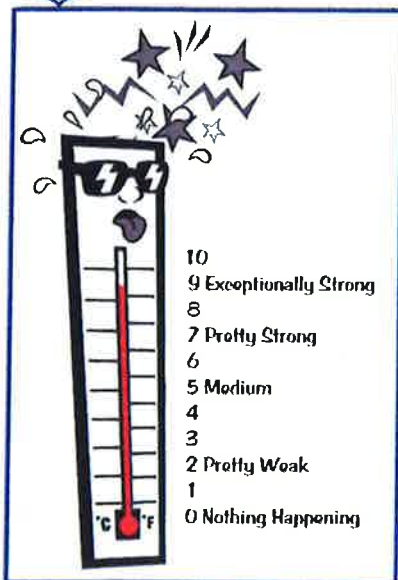
What are the *You Can Do It* keys?

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## Reflection Time

### Managing your Emotions in Year 4 – Year 6



When you acted in a way that was not Being Safe, Being Responsible or Being Respectful how did feel?

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Draw an arrow ( ) on the thermometer to show how strong this emotion was.

What were you thinking when this happened?

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Look at the 'Howbadzzat' Catastrophe scale and find a picture is similar to your problem and circle it.

Was the problem really that bad or was I catastrophising?

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What could you do to manage your emotions better next time?

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# Runcorn State School

## Reflection Time Year 4 – Year 6

Name ..... Class:.....  
Date:..... Supervising Teacher .....

What are out school rules?

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What was I doing to get a detention?

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What better choice could I have made?

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What are the *You Can Do It* keys?

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## **Appendix 6**

### **Behaviour Incident Reported On OneSchool**

All Reflection Time Notifications will be recorded in OneSchool under the Behaviour tab. This data entry for this will be undertaken by Admin staff.

Major Behaviour Incidents that significantly violate the rights of others, put others / self at risk of harm and require the involvement of school Administration / Leadership and will be recorded into OneSchool Behaviour sector by the teacher directly involved in managing the incident in the first instance or upon agreement between teacher and Administration / Leadership member.