

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Department of Education requires all schools to adhere to the Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures and The Minister of Education directives. The Minister of Education, Hon Dr Tony Buti, in his commitment to keep our schools safe places for learning issued the statement of 'Standing Together Against Violence' which articulates the actions and expectations for Principals, staff and their communities to make schools safe places for teaching and learning.

Two key actions from this statement are:

- Action One Principals to automatically suspend students who attack other students, start fights or instigate fights.
- Action Six Principals to implement good standing requirements inclusive of loss of good standing due to behaviour and privileges being removed.

Student and staff safety is paramount, and we will adhere to these actions. For further details on this statement, please visit our school website: www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au

Good Standing

The Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures requires all schools to establish and implement a Good Standing Policy as part of a comprehensive whole school approach to promoting positive behaviour and ensuring a safe, respectful learning environment for all students.

Students with good standing are eligible to participate in a wide range of identified good standing activities and roles. When an activity is classified as a good standing event or role, this will be clearly communicated to parents and caregivers.

Please note - for the End of Year Reward Day, Year 6 Camp, Year 6 Graduation and Year 6 Big Day Out, students will **not** be able to participate if they have lost their Good Standing **three** times or do not have Good Standing on the day of the event. For Year 6 leaders if they lose their Good Standing a **second** time, the right to represent the school will be removed for the remainder of the year.

For further explanation on the STPS Good Standing Strategy please see overleaf. For a copy of our STPS Behaviour Management Policy please visit our school website: www.souththornlieps.wa.edu.au

Kind regards

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