



Wagin District High School

Good Standing Policy

Rationale

At Wagin District High School, we believe that students have the right to learn in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative and caring environment. The Good Standing Policy emphasises the importance of students taking responsibility for the choices they make on a daily basis, which impacts academically and socially on themselves and others.

Importance of Maintaining Good Standing & Outcome Sought

The Good Standing Policy is part of, and works in conjunction with, our whole school Positive Behaviour Support Policy. It aims to provide regular acknowledgement and recognition for the majority of students who consistently behave and act according to our school's expected values of **Engagement**, using **Manners**, displaying **Understanding** and a willingness to **Strive**.

To maintain 'Good Standing' students must comply with Wagin DHS's expectations in relation to:

- School Dress Code;
- Attendance;
- Punctuality;
- Behaviour; and
- Suspension/Withdrawal.

'Good Standing' is a status that all Wagin DHS students are granted at the beginning of each year. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain their Good Standing. Students with Good Standing are eligible to participate in events that are extra-curricular and/or where students are representing the school.

Desirable behaviours which assist students to become independent and responsible learners are listed below.

Outcomes sought	Desirable student behaviour and attitudes
Acceptance of responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understanding the objectives and assessment schedule for each course. ✓ Understanding the implications of failing to meet course requirements. ✓ Acknowledging the right of others to learn or teach. ✓ Treating all members of the school community with dignity and respect.
Commitment to learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Active participation in all learning activities. ✓ Regular attendance at classes. ✓ Punctuality with attendance and submission of work. ✓ Development of subject specific and general skills. ✓ Acquisition of knowledge in a variety of ways.
Autonomous and reflective learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Selecting courses that are relevant to needs and personal goals. ✓ Being able to learn outside the classroom environment. ✓ Developing as independent learners and increasingly using a wide range of resources to learn.

Loss of Good Standing

Students who lose their Good Standing may lose the privilege of participating in various events throughout the school year. Examples include: excursions, school camps, interschool sporting events, year-based activity days, presentation evenings or leadership opportunities such as Student Councillor.

- Students who lose their Good Standing will have a fair process to earn back their privileges. Please be aware that further offences that occur whilst on probation will result in the requirements starting over. For example, if choosing to breach the dress code policy whilst already 5 days into regaining Good Standing, the 10 days will recommence.
- Loss of Good Standing is actioned by the Deputy Principal or Principal. Reinstatement of Good Standing will require students to uphold the requirements of their Code of Conduct that align with Wagin DHS's expectations related to attendance, punctuality, school dress code and behaviour.
- Parents will be notified when a child is close to and/or has lost their Good Standing. During the period in which students can earn back their Good Standing, they may be placed on a monitoring card, targeting explicit behaviours that are consistent with the specific breach.
- Whilst the Good Standing Policy provides a clear guide, the Principal and Deputy Principals have the right to modify these according to the circumstances leading up to the incident or in light of a student's identified needs.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an expectation of all students and is critical in order to maximise their academic, social and emotional development. If a student is absent, an acceptable reason for their non-attendance must be provided. If an acceptable reason cannot be supplied or verified, this may impact your child's ability to participate in a Good Standing activity. Only students with Good Standing and an attendance percentage above 90% within the specific block, will be eligible to participate in the reward activities.

The following table outlines reasons why a student's Good Standing would be withdrawn and ways to earn it back.

Reasons	Level at which loss of Good Standing occurs	Requirements to gain back Good Standing privileges	Actions
Dress Code Infringement	Third and all subsequent occasions	10 school days complying with the school dress code, with no offences since the last failure to wear uniform	Teacher/Admin to send a Letter of Concern to parent/caregiver on second infringement
Attendance	Unauthorised and/or attendance below 90% in any five week period. Medical evidence will be taken into consideration for absences below 85%.	Good Standing reinstated after clearing of unexplained absences and attendance rising above 90% over a 5 day period prior to a Good Standing event	Admin to SMS or phone contact to parent/caregiver at point of concern
Punctuality • To school • Between periods • From breaks	Third and all subsequent occasions	10 school days without unexplained/unacceptable lateness. Complying with no offences since the last instance of lateness	Teacher/Admin to send a Letter of Concern to parent/caregiver on second infringement
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three incidents of the student getting to the reflection stage of the Behaviour Flowchart (buddy class or reflection time outside the classroom) • Three detentions from classroom referrals • Three detentions from playground referrals • Level 3 Mobile Phone misuse 	10 consecutive days achieving good behaviour with no further incidents of unacceptable behaviour since the last incident.	Teacher/Admin to Contact parent/caregiver each instance of a student being given a detention. Admin to contact parent in the instance of playground detentions. Admin to contact parent in the instance of 2 nd mobile phone misuse
Suspension/Withdrawal	First and all subsequent occasions	Automatic loss of Good Standing. Restoration dealt with on an individual basis under direction of school's administration team.	Parent/caregiver interview or case conference on re-entry to school. Two week behaviour contract on re-entry to school.

NOTE

- Students **must maintain** Good Standing for a **minimum of 60%** of the current school year to be eligible to participate in any activity other than core curriculum.
- Students **must have** Good Standing **at the time of** the event to attend school excursions, incursions, camps, social events, interschool carnivals, Good Standing reward days and extra-curricular activities.
- Students will have access to all school based events that are part of the curriculum, regardless of Good Standing status.
- Students **must maintain** Good Standing to hold a Student Council position.