



SOUTH COAST  
BAPTIST COLLEGE

## SECONDARY GOOD STANDING POLICY

**Vision Statement:** South Coast Baptist College is a thriving Christian community that inspires learning as a means of transforming and empowering lives.

**Mission:** To shape students of rigorous minds and compassionate hearts.

**Rationale:** At South Coast Baptist College we seek to train/coach our students as they move into adulthood to be considerate of others over themselves and to be respectful, compassionate and thankful. We hope to guide our students to become young adults that choose to do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, rather than acting out of peer pressure or the fear of a consequence or punishment.

This policy aims to assist students to take responsibility for their actions and achieve their potential. 'Good Standing' recognises the importance of rewarding all students who maintain high standards of behaviour, attendance and dress commensurate to their ability. The aim is for all students to maintain 'Good Standing'.

### **Requirements for maintaining good standing:**

The Good Standing policy provides the context and boundaries of expectations for students to assist them in understanding what is required as a minimum at South Coast Baptist College.

## Behaviour

In keeping with the South Coast Baptist College Discipline Policy, good conduct ensures that students give themselves the best opportunity to focus on achieving their academic potential. Further, good conduct ensures that students develop strong positive working relationships with their peers and teachers.

### Aims for all students:

- A student to be on no levels or steps on the discipline system
- Demonstration of a high standard of courtesy, cooperation and respect for all members of the College community and their property
- Carrying out all instructions given by a teacher during all College operations
- Supporting the maintenance of a positive and caring environment
- Adhering to the College expectations (24/7) when using or communicating with others via electronic means
- Adhering to College expectations on mobile phone, i-Pad and Chrome Book use

### Loss of Good Standing Will Occur If:

- A student reaches Level 3 or higher on the discipline system
- A student reaches Step 12, 15 and 18 for personal management
- A student is suspended
- A student is placed on a Behaviour Management program by the Deputy Head of Secondary - Wellbeing or Head of Year
- A student is found to have not adhered to the College expectations (24/7) when communicating with others via electronic means

**Attendance:** There is a strong correlation between the academic performance of students and their attendance and participation in the academic program. Absences from school will impact on a student's ability to understand the material covered and to successfully complete the course work.

### Aims for all students:

- A student to maintain an average attendance of 100% over a ten-week period and any absences satisfactorily explained
- A student to be punctual to Form and all classes
- A student to commit to attend all College events such as Athletics Carnival, Presentation Night and other events that require student attendance

### Loss of Good Standing Will Occur If:

- A student whose attendance rate is below 90% unexplained absences.
- A student is found to be truanting
- A student chooses to 'wag' a class
- A student accumulates three steps in a ten-week period for late arrival to Form or class.

**Personal Presentation:** Students are expected to adhere, at all times, to the College uniform and grooming policy, as outlined in the College diary, including when travelling to and from school.

#### Aims for all students:

- Wearing the correct College uniform at all times
- Adherence to the Phys Ed/Football changing policy
- Students to be neatly groomed, at all times, with adherence to the hair, jewellery and shoe requirements as outlined in the College diary.

#### Loss of Good Standing Will Occur If:

- Three steps for uniform infringements, including non-adherence to the Phys Ed/Football changing policy without parent notification in a term
- A student continues to disregard the uniform policy in relation to jewellery, hair and shoes

### Procedure for Loss of Good Standing

**Loss of Good Standing** for five (5) weeks will occur if:

- A student's attendance without satisfactory notification from a parent is below 90%.
- A student receives three steps in a ten-week cycle for lateness to school or class without a satisfactory explanation.
- A student receives three steps in a ten-week cycle for but not limited to late/unsatisfactory completion of homework or assignments; being unprepared for lessons; unsatisfactory organisation of the SCBC File; and for not bringing the diary to each lesson.
- A student receives three steps in a ten-week cycle for uniform infringements including Phys Ed and Sport; jewellery and shoes.
- A student reaches Level Three or Step 12, 15 or 18 on the discipline system, or is placed on a Behaviour Management program by the Deputy Head Secondary – Wellbeing or Head of Year.
- Any act, which results in suspension will result in a minimum ten weeks loss of Good Standing

### Consequences of Loss of Good Standing

Staff will be notified by email of students who have lost Good Standing.

A student without Good Standing **will not** be permitted to represent the College; will face loss of privileges; and therefore, will not be allowed to participate in activities such as, but not limited to:

- College social events eg. the College Ball or River Cruise
- Attend the end of year excursion to Adventure World (Year 7 – 9)
- Being able to leave the College at lunchtime to purchase food at the local shopping centre (Year 12 only)
- Attending excursions of a non-assessment nature including overseas trips
- Camps
- Representing the College in swimming, athletic or sporting carnivals
- Representing the College in debating, drama production or other co-curricular activities of a non-assessment nature
- Representing the College in Football matches here or overseas
- Other activities as determined at the time of the loss of good standing

## Notification

At the time of losing Good Standing a meeting will be called with the student, parent and Head of Year where:

- The reasons for the loss of Good Standing will be outlined and the student will be required to complete the 'Return to Good Standing Behaviour Sheet' each day for the length of the loss of good standing.
- The time period before there will be a review of the student's standing will be outlined to the parent and student.
- What is required of the student to regain the Good Standing status will be clearly outlined in writing. Eg. For the student to regain 'Good Standing' they must successfully complete the 'Return to Good Standing Behaviour Sheet' for a period of five weeks.

The details of this meeting will be recorded on SEQTA and a copy sent to the parent.

## Good Standing Review

At the end of the period of loss of Good Standing there will be a review of the student's status by the Deputy Head Secondary – Wellbeing and relevant Head of Year. If it is deemed that the student has fulfilled the requirements as laid down at the time of loss of Good Standing, they will have their Good Standing reinstated. If it is deemed that the student has not fulfilled the requirements as laid down, another date for a further review or some further action will be determined.

## Student Responsibilities Following the Loss of Good Standing:

**First Time:** The student will attend a meeting with their parent and the Head of Year to make an acceptable agreement, which is to be signed by the student and parent.

**Second Time:** The student will attend a meeting with their parent and the Deputy Head Secondary – Wellbeing and Administration to review the previous agreement and to make changes where necessary to maintain standards. Loss of good standing will be for an increased period of ten weeks.

**Third Time:** The student will attend a meeting with their parent, the Head of Secondary and Deputy Head Secondary – Wellbeing and Administration to discuss the withdrawal of enrolment.

## Acknowledging Students with an Outstanding Record for Behaviour, Attendance and Personal Presentation

Students who end the academic year with an outstanding record for behaviour, attendance and personal presentation will be acknowledged at the end of year Presentation Evening with a 'Citizenship Badge' to wear on their uniform for the next 12 months. To be eligible for the awarding of a 'Citizenship Badge' students must achieve the following:

- End the academic year with no steps or levels
- End the academic year with an attendance record above 90%