



## Trebonne State School

# Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

Based on the Code of School Behaviour

### 1. Purpose

Trebonne State School is committed to providing a safe, supportive, 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

Trebonne State School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students has been developed over time and in consultation with stakeholders. The policy is an evolving document as it remains responsive to continuous improvement and effectiveness. Changes that have been indicated from the annual review process have been ratified by the staff and P&C in October 2016. Thus we have a consistent, known and fair process for all. Ongoing induction and training for all staff is made available. Parents are also inducted at the enrolment interview.

A review of school data sets from 2013-2016 relating to attendance, absenteeism, school disciplinary absences and behaviour incidents also informed the development process.

The Plan was endorsed by the Principal and the President of the P&C.

### 3. Learning and behaviour statement

At Trebonne State School, our Responsible Behaviour Management Plan for Students does not exist in isolation; rather it is an integral part of every aspect of school life. All areas of Trebonne 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 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 Trebonne 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 values, to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful.

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

## At Trebonne State School we believe that:

- Students, parents and staff are all part of the Trebonne Team.
- Relationships are at the heart of all learning. Teachers modelling respect will have students also showing respect.
- Supporting students whose behaviour is in breach of the school's Code of Conduct must be fair and equitable and the process must be known and implemented by all.
- Staff and students have the right to teach and learn in an environment that is free from disruption and safe from bullying and harassment.
- The right of an individual to develop differently in intellect, socially, emotionally and physically while maintaining that the rights of individuals must also contribute to a positive, safe learning community.
- The best behaviour support is proactive with emphasis on the positive aspects of behaviour.
- Peaceful and responsible behaviours are expected to be used to resolve problems.
- Our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students does not exist in isolation; rather it is an integral part of every aspect of school life.

## 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 Trebonne 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 has been attached to each of our three school values, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. The Schoolwide Expectations Table below outlines our agreed rules and specific behavioural expectations in all school settings.

School Expectation	Rules
<b>1. Be Responsible</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain suitable dress standard (uniform)</li> <li>• Use toilets cleanly</li> <li>• Play where it is safe</li> <li>• Remain in school grounds unless permitted to leave</li> <li>• Protect yourself from the sun's harm</li> <li>• All movement in the school grounds is done with safety in mind</li> <li>• Use computers sensibly</li> <li>• Be on time for school</li> <li>• Complete homework neatly and on time</li> <li>• Come to school prepared with all necessary items</li> <li>• Keep your work area and classroom tidy</li> <li>• Take pride in your work and strive for excellence</li> </ul>	<b>1. Rules guiding you to be responsible</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wearing of full uniform is expected at all times, especially for excursions.</li> <li>• Use the toilet block for its purpose, not as a playground</li> <li>• Bike and road safety must be practised at all times, this includes the correct wearing of a helmet</li> <li>• Students are only to enter classrooms with a teacher present</li> <li>• The climbing of trees, buildings and walkways is not permitted</li> <li>• No school hat, no outside play</li> <li>• Sit down to eat in the correct area at all times</li> <li>• No running in inappropriate areas eg. classrooms and paths</li> <li>• All use of ICTs will be done using school ICT policy guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>2. Be Respectful</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolve conflict peacefully</li> <li>• Use polite and decent language</li> <li>• Observe the rights of others to learn</li> <li>• Play sensibly</li> <li>• Be aware of and actively stop cyber bullying.</li> <li>• Protect our gardens, trees and buildings</li> <li>• Protect all furnishings, buildings and learning resources.</li> <li>• Adhere to the school uniform policy</li> <li>• Represent your school well on excursions and camps</li> </ul>	<b>2. Rules guiding you to Be Respectful</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of any kind is not permitted. This includes bullying (including cyber bullying), name-calling, swearing, etc.</li> <li>• Line up quietly at bell time</li> <li>• Rough play is not permitted.</li> <li>• Tackling, fighting, kicking, wrestling and contact games are banned.</li> <li>• Move quietly around the school at all times</li> <li>• All school property must be cared for and used properly</li> <li>• Gardens are to be cared for and respected</li> <li>• All litter is to be placed in a bin</li> <li>• Walk on concrete paths</li> </ul>
<b>3. Be Safe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play where it is safe</li> <li>• Wear a wide brimmed hat when outside</li> <li>• Use computers sensibly</li> <li>• Follow classroom rules</li> </ul>	<b>3. Rules guiding you to be Safe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are only to enter classrooms with a teacher present</li> <li>• Walk on concrete paths</li> <li>• Only play in designated areas</li> <li>• Use toilets appropriately</li> <li>• Play safely on the playground</li> <li>• No Hat, No Play</li> <li>• Never give out personal information when using computers</li> <li>• Keep your password secure</li> <li>• Only walk in the classroom</li> <li>• Carry equipment correctly and carefully</li> </ul>

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

- Behaviour lessons conducted by classroom teachers;
- Reinforcement of learning from behaviour lessons at School Assemblies and during active supervision by staff during classroom and non-classroom activities.

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

- Regular contact with parents to discuss behaviour concerns.
- Comprehensive induction programs in the Trebonne State School 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.

### **Reinforcing expected school behaviour**

At Trebonne 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 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.

### **Student Awards**

We have an array of awards related to positive aspects of school life.

These are:

#### **Gold Passes**

Each student has their 'Gold Pass' displayed in the classroom at the beginning of each term. The Gold Pass enables the holder to attend Gold Pass Day activities held at the end of each term. Students are issued with a red warning card for continued breach of school expected behaviours. Once the student has received 3 red cards, they then lose their Gold Pass.

#### **Trebonne State School Positive Notice –High Five**

Staff members and peers hand out 'High Fives' to students when they observe others following school rules in both classroom and non-classroom areas as well as demonstrating the core principles of the school wide social and emotional learning curriculum (Program Achieve-You Can Do It ) persistence, confidence, getting-along, resilience and organisation . This reinforcement occurs continually throughout the day. When students are given a Positive Notice card they drop the card in the High Five Mailbox located in the classroom.

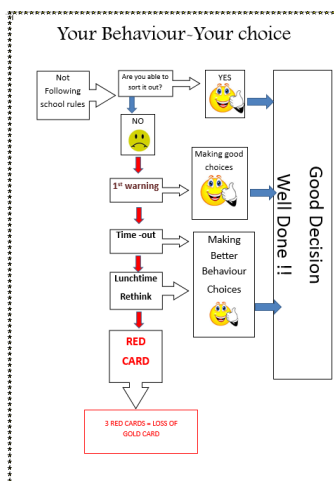
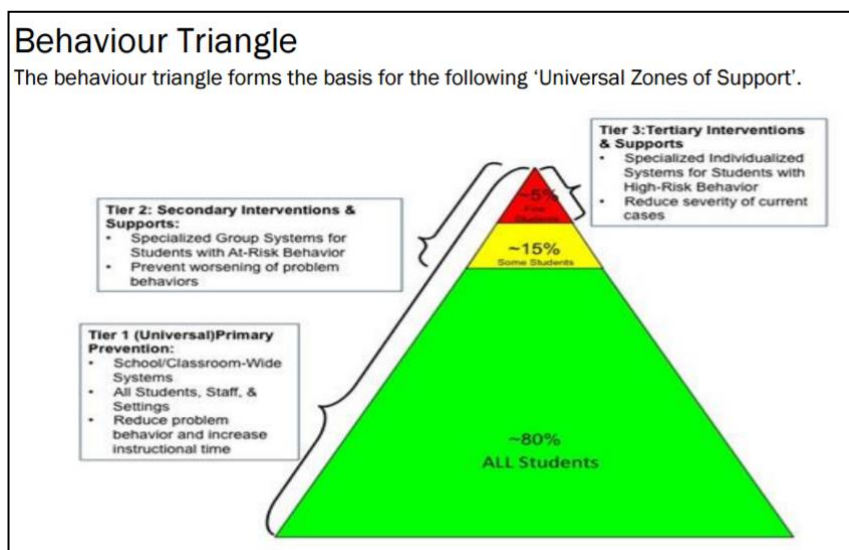


Each Friday, the principal reviews the submitted cards and identifies students with the majority of High Fives. These students are issued with a voucher that can be redeemed for a class prize. Each High Five is then removed and tallied, with a more powerful reinforcer available for 50 cards and 100 cards. **Cards are never taken off students as a consequence for problem behaviour.**

#### **Student of the week**

Each week the school staff nominates a student whose behaviours and attitudes have been exemplary or shown pleasing improvements. This award is presented at Parade.

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



### 1. **Green Zone -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. The classroom behaviour flowchart is displayed in classrooms and used to remind students of consequences for low level problem behaviour.

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. **Amber Zone-Targeted behaviour support: Respond program**

Each year a small number of students at Trebonne State School are identified through our data as needing a little bit extra in the way of targeted behavioural support. In most cases, the problem behaviours of these students may not be immediately regarded as severe, but the frequency of their behaviours may put these students' learning and social success at risk if not addressed in a timely manner.

Students accepted into the Respond Program attend their normal scheduled classes and activities with appropriate adjustments if required. Parent /carer involvement is required. Where required, adjustments are made to the Program through academic support, adult mentoring, intensive social skills training, responsible behaviour plan and Guidance Officer Access.

The Respond Program is coordinated by the principal with active administrator support and staff involvement. All staff members are provided with an overview of the program, the referral and response process, and the reporting responsibilities of staff and of the students being supported.

Students whose behaviour does not improve after participation in the Respond Program, or whose previous behaviour indicates a need for specialised intervention, are provided with intensive behaviour support. Red card warning is issued.

### 3. **Red Zone - Intensive behaviour support: Behaviour Support Team**

Trebonne 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 including the following:

- Functional Behaviour Assessment for appropriate students (Guidance Officer and other outside agencies)
- Principal works with staff members to develop appropriate behaviour support strategies to achieve continuity and consistency
- monitoring the impact of support for individual students through ongoing data collection
- makes adjustments as required for the student

Following a referral, a team member contacts parents and any relevant staff members to form a support team and begin the assessment and support process. In many cases the support team also includes individuals from other agencies already working with the student and their family, a representative from the school's administration and available regional behavioural support staff.

### 5. **Consequences for unacceptable behaviour**

Trebonne 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 Principal.

**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 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 Administration.

**Major** behaviours result in an immediate referral to the Principal 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 the Principal.



**Major** problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- **Level One:** Time in office, removal to withdrawal room, alternate lunchtime activities, loss of privilege, restitution, loss of break times, warning regarding future consequence for repeated offence, referral to Respond Program;
- **Level Two:** Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to Intensive Behaviour Support Team, suspension from school: and/or
- **Level Three:** 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;
- explain how their behaviour differs from expected school behaviour;
- describe the likely consequences if the problem behaviour continues; and
- identify what they will do to change 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 Trebonne State School, staff members authorised to issue consequences for problem behaviour are provided with appropriate professional development and/or training. Through training activities, we work 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.

**The following table provides details of the support that may be required to ensure the behaviours meet our school expectations.**

#### **Levels of Behaviour**

Level 1-Green Universal Behaviour Support	One person required to manage the student's behaviour	1. Student
A Level 1 student has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrated a commitment to Trebonne State School's (TSS) Code of Conduct and the school's Rights and Responsibilities.</li></ul>		
At Level 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• students are permitted to participate in camps, excursions, interschool activities and other school functions;</li><li>• students are permitted to join the Gold Pass Day celebration of good behaviour in the last week of each term;</li><li>• upper school students requiring correction by the teacher may receive one warning regarding inappropriate behaviour. (Lower school varies from the upper school in that more warnings may be provided, especially early in the school year.) If these warnings are not heeded and inappropriate behaviour continues, a consequence deemed appropriate by the teacher will be applied.</li></ul>		

Level 2-Amber Universal Behaviour Support	Two People required to manage the student's behaviour	1. Student 2. Teacher
<p>A Level 2 student has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continued with inappropriate classroom behaviour following the warning and classroom consequence and/or;</li> <li>breached the school's Code of Conduct within the school grounds</li> </ul>		
<p>At Level 2:</p> <p><b>In the classroom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Red Card Warning is issued. Incident is recorded as the first of three possible incidents for the week (a week equals any five consecutive school days)</li> <li>If the first citation is followed by further inappropriate behaviour within the same week, a second Red Card will be issued and a consequence deemed appropriate by the teacher will also be applied.</li> </ul> <p><b>In the playground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The record sheet at the back of the playground duty folder ('Record of Inappropriate Behaviours') is completed and the standard playground policy consequence is implemented.</li> </ul>		

Level 3- Red Targeted Behaviour Support	Three support mechanisms are required to manage the student's behaviour	1. Student 2. Teacher 3. Principal.
<p>Level 3 student has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continued to display inappropriate behaviours resulting in a third red card being issued offence in a one week period, or</li> <li>one serious incident</li> </ul>		
<p>At Level 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the student will lose their Gold Pass for 2 weeks and will be returned to Level 2 after one week if no further incidents are recorded during this week</li> <li>first offence 1 – 3 days in lunch re-think</li> <li>a letter or phone call may be forwarded to the student's parents/carers notifying them of the nature of the incident/s and the consequences</li> <li>where applicable, the student is advised that they are in danger of losing a position of office e.g. School Captain, Sports Captain, if their behaviour does not return to Level 2 within one week. Student office bearers will lose their position of office if they reach behaviour Level 3 twice during the school year</li> <li>student loses their Gold Pass for the term and is therefore ineligible to attend Gold Pass Day for that term</li> <li>student may be ineligible to attend activities out of the school grounds. This includes such activities as excursions, some sporting activities, including Representative Sport out of school hours, and other specialised events</li> <li>The reasons for this are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students need to be able to demonstrate socially acceptable self-discipline and behaviour in public;</li> <li>student behaviour is expected to uphold the excellent name of Trebonne State School in the community;</li> <li>higher degree of risk management involved in activities outside of the school grounds.</li> </ol> </li> <li>a meeting is arranged between the parents/student, principal and other relevant staff</li> <li>the possibility of suspension or exclusion as a consequence of continued inappropriate activity is discussed</li> <li>a student may be placed on a Behaviour Monitoring Report to be signed by all relevant staff</li> </ul>		



<b>Level 4- Intensive Behaviour Support</b>	<b>Five support mechanisms are required to manage the student's behaviour</b>	<b>1. Student 2. Teacher 3 Principal 4. Parents 5. Police and/or Suspension Legislation</b>
<p>Level 4 student has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeatedly failed to correct their inappropriate behaviours and adhere to their behaviour plans</li> <li>committed an incident requiring suspension or exclusion such as truancy, dangerous items (knives, weapons or other items accessed with the intent to cause harm), vandalism, drug-related incidents, significant physical, verbal or sexual abuse</li> </ul>		
<p>At Level 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parents are advised by phone and are called to the school as a matter of urgency</li> <li>the student is placed on suspension and parents are asked to escort their child from the school, following a suspension meeting</li> <li>Advisory suspension letters per Education (General Provisions) Act are completed</li> </ul> <p>Students will return from suspension and enter at Level 4 with either a revised behaviour plan or an Individual Management Plan. This choice will be at the discretion of the Principal or Principal's Delegate. A recommendation for exclusion may be sought if serious incidents re-occur and/or Level 4 is reached on more than one occasion.</p> <p><b>**The Police will be called for incidents of a significant illegal nature.</b></p>		

#### POINTS OF NOTE

- Teachers may move students between Levels 1 and 2 as a classroom management strategy.
- Levels 3 may only be applied by an Administrator.
- Level 4 may only be applied by the Principal or delegate.
- In cases of significant or serious incidents, the matter will be referred to the Principal or Deputy Principal who may:
  - assign Level 3, 4 as appropriate
  - take action according to the level assigned
  - refer to Guidance Officer for assistance with case management
  - contact the family by phone or letter on the same day where possible and deemed necessary
  - undertake suspension or exclusion as per legislation
- Student behaviour outside of the school environment, which affects the good order and management of the school will be assessed and responded to in accordance with Trebonne's Code of Conduct. Responses may include support by relevant staff (eg. Guidance Officer) and/or suspension or exclusion.

## 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).
5. Debrief: Help the student to identify the sequence of events that led to the unacceptable behaviour, pinpoint decision moments during the sequence of events, evaluate decisions made, and identify acceptable decision options for future situations.

### 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 Trebonne 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 Trebonne 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             | • Senior Guidance Officer                |
| • Support Staff        | • School Chaplain/Student welfare worker |
| • Administration Staff |  |

External support is also available through 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.

Trebonne 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 socioeconomic 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

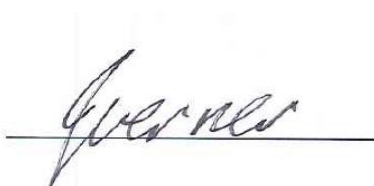
#### 11. Some related resources

- Bullying. No Way!
- Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
- Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses

#### Endorsement



Principal



P and C / School Council

Effective Date: 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2018

### **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 (for example to assist with a medical condition or other disability or for a special project) 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.

### **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 Trebonne 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 Principal.



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

#### Purpose

Trebonne 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 Trebonne 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 Trebonne 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 Trebonne 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 Trebonne State School are an addition to our schoolwide positive behaviour support processes. This means that all students are being explicitly taught the expected school behaviours and receiving high levels of social acknowledgement for doing so. Adding lessons on bullying and how to prevent and respond to it is a subset of procedures 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.

The student curriculum modules of the anti-bullying process consist of lessons taught by all teachers in all classrooms to a schoolwide schedule of instruction. At all times simultaneous instruction is our goal, in order to maintain consistency of skill acquisition across the school.

An initial introductory lesson is delivered, which teaches the 3-step process to be used by all students when experiencing bullying behaviour either as a person being bullied, the person bullying or bystander.

The introductory lesson is followed by several shorter lessons, each of which focuses on one of the bullying behaviours that the school has identified and defined. These lessons include instruction on how to approach adults and also on what reactions and systemic responses they should expect from adults.

Research indicates that a common outcome of anti-bullying programming is an improvement in understanding of bullying but little change in the frequency or nature of actual bullying behaviour. One of the reasons cited for this outcome is the lack of behavioural rehearsal in the programming. The anti-bullying process at Trebonne State School takes care to combine knowledge with practice in a process of active learning, so that students understand by 'doing' as much as by 'knowing'.

Trebonne State School records inappropriate behaviour and uses behavioural data for decision-making. This data is entered into our database on a daily basis and can be recalled as summary reports at any time. This facility allows the school to track the effectiveness of its anti-bullying process, to make any necessary adjustments, and to identify specific bullying behaviours that may need to be revisited or revised in the instructional process.

### Appropriate use of social media

Trebonne 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.

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

No student of Trebonne State School will face disciplinary action for simply having an account on Facebook or other social media site.

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 Trebonne State School grounds or while online. Inappropriate online behaviours can have a negative impact on student learning and the good order and management of Trebonne State School, whether those behaviours occur during or outside school hours.

This policy reflects the importance of students at Trebonne 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 Trebonne 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 Trebonne 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.

Trebbonne 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.

Trebbonne 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, Trebonne State School expects its students to engage in positive online behaviours.



Problem Behaviour	
Minor (Please tick)	Major (Please tick)

Student Name:			Location (please tick)	
Date:	Time:	Class:	Playground	
Referring staff member :			Specialist Lesson	
			Classroom	
			Other	

<b>Defiance/Disrespect</b> Low intensity, brief failure to follow directions.	<b>Defiance/Disrespect</b> Continued refusal to follow directions, talking back and / or socially rude interactions.
<b>Physical Contact</b> Student engages in non-serious but inappropriate physical contact.	<b>Physical Aggression</b> Actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (eg hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, scratching etc).
<b>Inappropriate language</b> Low intensity language (eg shut up, idiot etc).	<b>Inappropriate / Abusive language</b> Repeated verbal messages that involve swearing or use of words in an inappropriate way directed at other individual or group.
<b>Disruption</b> Low intensity but inappropriate disruption.	<b>Disruption</b> Repeated behaviour causing an interruption in a class or playground. (eg. Yelling or screaming, noise with material, disrupting games, sustained out of seat behaviour etc).
<b>Property Misuse</b> Low intensity misuse of property.	<b>Vandalism</b> Student engages in an activity that results in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property.
<b>Dress Code</b> Student wears clothing that is near, but not within, the dress code guidelines defined by the school.	<b>Dress Code</b> Refusal to comply with school dress code.
<b>Safety</b> Student engages in brief or low-level safety violation not involving hurting any other individuals or groups.	<b>Safety</b> Student engages in frequent unsafe activities where injury may occur.
<b>Dishonesty</b> Student engages in minor lying/cheating.	<b>Major Dishonesty</b> Student delivers message that is untrue and deliberately violates rules and/or harms others.
<b>Other</b>	<b>Harassment / Bullying</b> Repeated teasing, physical and verbal intimidation of a student.
<b>Other</b>	

School Expectation Category					
Be SAFE		Be Respectful		Be Responsible	

Others involved in incident					
None		Peers		Staff	
				Other	

## Appendix 5

### Behaviour Incident Report

Name of student/s involved in incident:

Person Completing Form:

Date:

Problem behaviour (name):		
Date of incident	Time incident started	Time incident ended
Where was the student when the incident occurred?		
Who was working with the student when the incident occurred?		
Where was staff when the incident occurred?		
Who was next to the student when the incident occurred?		
Who else was in the immediate area when the incident occurred?		
What was the general atmosphere like at the time of the incident?		
What was the student doing at the time of the incident?		
What occurred <b>immediately</b> before the incident? Describe the activity, task, event.		
Describe what the student did during the incident.		
Describe the level of severity of the incident. (e.g. damage, injury to self/others)		
Describe who or what the incident was directed at.		
What action was taken to de-escalate or re-direct the problem?		
Briefly give your impression of why the student engaged in the above-described incident. (e.g. was angry because I asked him/her to stop teasing).		
Additional information.		



## Appendix 6

### Debriefing Report

#### Formal debriefing

Formal debriefing should be led by a staff member trained in the process who has not been involved in the event. The goals of debriefing are to:

- reverse or minimise the negative effects of physical intervention;
- prevent the future use of physical intervention; and/or
- address organisational problems and make appropriate changes.

For students who have language or communication difficulties the debriefing process will need to be modified to accommodate their specific receptive and expressive needs.

Debriefing should provide information on:

- who was involved;
- what happened;
- where it happened;
- why it happened; and
- what we learned.

The specific questions we want to answer through the debriefing process are:

- **FACTS:** what do we know happened?
- **FEELINGS:** how do you feel about the event that happened?
- **PLANNING:** what can/should we do next?

#### Questions for staff

- What were the first signs?
- What de-escalation techniques were used?
- What worked and what did not?
- What would you do differently next time?
- How can physical intervention be avoided in this situation in the future?
- What emotional impact does using physical intervention have on you?
- What was your emotional state at the time of the escalation?

#### Questions for student

- What was it that you needed?
- What upset you most?
- What did we do that was helpful?
- What did we do that got it that way?
- What can we do better next time?
- Would you do something differently next time?
- What could we have done to make the physical intervention less invasive?

Notes on the discussion that occurs during the debriefing report are not required to be documented, however a note should be made that the debriefing has occurred for both staff and students involved (e.g. names, date, time and outcomes).