



Good Standing Policy

The concept of Good Standing is one used extensively in education and the work-place. It recognises the efforts of the individual student in maintaining positive standards in the important areas of attendance, punctuality and behaviour.

The ethos (or characteristic spirit) of Mindarie Senior College is **Personal Excellence, Positive Relationships** and **Social Responsibility** of all. Therefore, Good Standing involves the enactment of all these attributes.

In practical terms, it typically involves the following:

- Punctual provision of acceptable reasons for all absences
- Ethical, respectful and responsible behaviour at all times within and outside the College (including journeys to and from College and including non-class time off the College site)
- Compliance with all reasonable requests from College staff, teaching and non-teaching
- Compliance with the College Dress Code
- Good College attendance and punctuality. This includes attendance to all lessons, including Mentor

Maintenance of Good Standing allows full use and enjoyment of College privileges and facilities. Loss of Good Standing will initiate the following measures:

- **Level One Loss of Good Standing:** This may be for a first offence and lasts for a period of 4 College weeks. It will involve an interview with the Year Leader or Learning Area Manager and may involve an additional consequence depending on the individual case. In most cases, Level One will serve as a warning and be used as a learning opportunity to improve standards.
- **Level Two:** Any infringement of the requirements for Good Standing whilst on Stage One may result in a move to Level Two. The period of loss of privileges at this stage is for 6 College weeks. An interview with the Manager of Student Services will be held and may require a parent to be present. Consequences will be applied at **Levels Two and Three** and the privilege of attending extra-curricular College events (eg the College Ball, representative teams and Reward Camp) will be lost. Note: ticket money may be refunded unless the proximity of the event prevents this. No refunds will be made in the event of additional expenses (such as suit hire). In certain cases, when the incident is considered to warrant it, a *single or first* incident can lead to Loss of Good Standing at Level Two. This level requires daily signing in at Student Services halfway through lunchtime.
- **Level Three:** In extreme cases, students will move to Level 3. Any student who transgresses whilst on Level Two will automatically move to Level Three. Deliberate damage, extreme abuse and fighting may mean immediate Level Three consequences. These infringements may well also lead to suspension from College. This involves loss of privileges for a minimum of 8 College weeks. Additionally, other consequences may be applied which could typically involve compulsory attendance on Wednesdays; being supervised at recess and lunch-time; removal from specific classes to work under supervision elsewhere. A parent interview will be required, this being with an Associate Principal. This level requires daily signing in at Student Services halfway through lunchtime.

It should be noted that Good Standing will not usually be affected by issues of academic concern and submission of work on schedule. These areas of concern will be dealt with by the class teachers in conjunction with the Manager of the Learning Area. The Manager of Student Services will oversee the student academic records and may intervene if problems exist in more than one area.