# Blakehurst Public School Behaviour Support and Management Plan



The following plan is an operational document which outlines the processes and practices of Blakehurst Public School (BPS), is published on the school website and is made available to all students, parents/carers and school staff.

## Overview

Blakehurst Public School's school-wide rules and expectations are explicitly taught to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school is committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for all students. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students. All members of our school are expected to work towards achieving the school expectations in the context of the Department of Education's Behaviour Code for Students.

The school's Behaviour Support and Management Plan provides a guide for staff, students and parents/carers to understand the processes that Blakehurst Public School follows to ensure the wellbeing of all students. It includes information regarding our school expectations, as well as strategies and practices to encourage positive behaviour choices, recognise student achievement and manage inappropriate student behaviour. Blakehurst Public School consistently reinforces positive behaviour and aims to ensure that all students, staff and community members feel safe and happy at school. Through the creation of a culture of respect, resilience and safety, students will be able to engage in educational programs with success.

# Promoting and reinforcing positive student behaviour and school-wide expectations

Blakehurst has the following school-wide expectations:

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be engaged
- Be resilient



Bluey - PBL Mascot



Blakehurst Public School maintains a focus on providing positive reinforcement to encourage positive behaviour. The school subscribes to the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework. When students demonstrate positive behaviour combined with a culture of respect present within our community, all students feel safe and are successfully engaged in the learning cycle. Strategies and practices (inspired by the Behaviour Code for Students) which the school uses to promote positive student behaviour include:

- Positive Behaviour for Learning Lessons PBL lessons are explicitly and regularly taught following a school-wide scope and sequence. Lessons are conducted during K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies, ensuring all students receive a consistent message.
- Matrix of expected behaviours the school-wide matrix describes behaviours that are expected of students in the different areas of the school. They provide students with explicit examples of positive behaviours. The expectations and behaviours are regularly discussed with students and are visible in prominent areas of the school for students to reference.







Examples of PBL signage displayed around the school.

- Common language to be utilised by staff, students and parents/carers when discussing behaviour, expectations and achievements.
- Proactive supervision provided by all teachers and SLSOs on the playground and in the classroom. Regular discussions with students occur to ensure students are adhering to school expectations and interactions with all members of the community are positive in nature.
- Whole school reward system students have the opportunity to have their 'Blueys' stamped at the end of each week. These 'Blueys' contribute to Star, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, Banner and Medal awards. In addition to this, students can receive 'Bluey Cards', 'Bluey Tokens' and PBL Wrist Bands.
- Leadership opportunities this includes an active Student Representative Council (SRC), BPS Student Leadership Team (Captains, Prefects, House Captains, Library Monitors), Peer Support, Botany Bay Primary School Sports Association (BBPSSA) sporting events, extra-curricular activities such as debating, public speaking, dance, band etc.



• Playground strategies – this includes calm areas, structured games, resources organised by the SRC, lunch time clubs and 'Lunch in the Library'.



Examples of BPS PBL Awards

#### **Behaviour Code for Students**

The behaviour expected by all students in NSW public schools is clearly outlined in the <u>Behaviour Code for Students</u>. High expectations for student behaviour are established and maintained through effective role modelling, explicit teaching and planned responses.



### Whole School Approach

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Universal Systems	Positive Behaviour for Learning Peer Support Class Systems PDHPE Units Communication with parents	The universal systems focus on developing and maintaining safe and respectful learning environments for all students. Learning environments include all classrooms, outdoor learning areas, playgrounds, online, excursions and any other school related events. These universal systems of prevention underpin effective teaching and learning and when applied visibly, consistently and fairly they support the creation of a safe, respectful and motivated learning environment.	Whole school
Early Intervention	Positive Behaviour for Learning – Tier 1	Positive Behaviour for Learning (Tier 1) Schoolwide and classroom systems of support bring together the whole school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.	Whole school
Targeted Intervention	Positive Behaviour for Learning – Tier 2 Learning and Support Team School Psychologist	Positive Behaviour for Learning (Tier 2) strategies build upon the Tier 1 universal supports. Strategies include social skills groups, mentoring, check and connect and zones of regulation. The Learning and Support Team support the overall wellbeing of students by providing support and guidance to address academic, behavioural, and social areas of need. The team meets fortnightly and is comprised of the Principal, School Counsellor, Learning and Support Teacher, Assistant Principals, and the teacher/s of any student being referred.	Individual students, families, staff
Individual Intervention	Positive Behaviour for Learning – Tier 3 School Psychologist Individual Student Support Plan	Positive Behaviour for Learning (Tier 3) strategies support students who require more intensive individualised support to improve their behavioural and academic outcomes. Individual behaviour and support plans are linked to the universal system and developed in conjunction with service providers, parents, and school support staff.	Individual students, families, staff





#### **Reflection and Restorative Practices**

Students are expected to demonstrate behaviour that is consistent with the behavioural expectations of being safe, respectful, engaged and resilient and to comply with staff directions regarding behaviour expectations and discipline. In the event that students demonstrate behaviour that is not in line with the school behavioural expectations, a range of strategies may be used to realign behaviour.

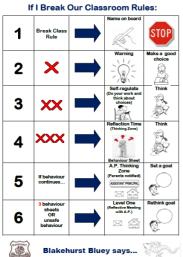
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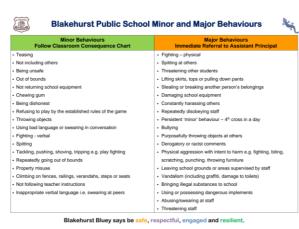
Action	When and how long?	Who coordinates?	How are these recorded?
Thinking Zone - Classroom	Name recorded on the classroom 'stop sign' when school expectations have not been met. 3 crosses = Thinking Zone (space within the classroom) where the student completes a Classroom Behaviour Sheet.	Classroom Teacher (CT)	Recorded in School Bytes and sheet stored in the PBL Folder.
Thinking Zone – AP Classroom	4 crosses in a day equates to time spent in an AP's classroom completing an AP Classroom Behaviour Sheet. The sheet is sent home to parents to make them aware of their child's behavioural choices.	Classroom Teacher and Assistant Principal (AP)	Recorded in School Bytes and AP Behaviour Sheet sent home and return slip required.
Reflective Meeting (Level One)	3 Behaviour Sheets in a term or 'Major Behaviours' = Reflective Meeting. Reflective Meetings run during first half lunch in the meeting room and a Reflective Meeting sheet is completed by the student in consultation with the AP on duty (restorative in nature). A letter is sent home to inform parents of the meeting.	Classroom Teacher and Assistant Principal	Recorded in School Bytes. Parents have the option to sign and return or can arrange a meeting to discuss the matter further.
Behaviour Card (Level Two)	3 separate Reflective Meetings in a term = Behaviour Card. Students give the card to the supervising teacher in the classroom and playground to encourage and reinforce positive behaviour. An individual behaviour plan may also be developed (case by case basis).	Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal and Learning Support Team	Recorded in School Bytes. Parents receive notification their child is on Level Two (return slip required).
Behaviour Folder (Level Three)	3 minor incidents/1 major incident while on the Behaviour Card = Behaviour Folder. The teacher comments daily on student progress and this is sent home for	Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal and Learning	Recorded in School Bytes and in folder. Parents receive notification their

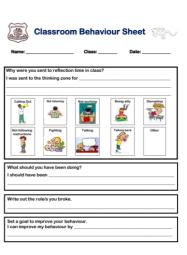


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	parent/carer acknowledgement. The folder allows parents/carers to inform the teacher of any incidents occurring at home that may impact the student while at school. An individual behaviour plan may also be developed (case by case basis).	Support Team	child is on Level Three (return slip required).
Restorative Session (Level Four)	3 minor incidents/1 major incident while on the Behaviour Folder = Restorative Session. This directed form of time-out allows the student to complete set work and restorative conversations to take place under the supervision of the principal (or delegate).	Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal and Learning Support Team	Recorded in School Bytes and a Formal Caution of suspension issued. Parents are notified by phone and letter (return slip required).
Suspension (Level Five)	There will be cases of unacceptable behaviour where a student may need to be removed from the school for a period of time. The purpose of the suspension is to allow the school to implement appropriate supports during the student's absence to address the student's complex and challenging behaviour or behaviours. This is to ensure a successful return to school, and mitigate any unacceptable risks posed to teaching and learning, and the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and/or students.	Principal or delegate	Recorded in School Bytes and a suspension issued. Parents are notified by phone and letter (return slip required). Return from suspension meeting with student and parents/carers.

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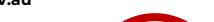






## Playground:

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Minor (a) Playground Slip	Minor behaviour is recorded on the Minor (a) slip and student completes a 5-10 minute shadow walk with the duty teacher.	Duty Teacher and Classroom Teacher (CT)	Recorded in School Bytes by the CT and slip stored in the PBL Folder.
Minor (b) Playground Slip	Minor behaviour is recorded on the Minor (b) slip and student completes a 10-15 minute shadow walk with the duty teacher.	Duty Teacher and Classroom Teacher	Recorded in School Bytes by CT and slip stored in the PBL Folder.
Major (a) Playground Slip	Major behaviour is recorded on the Major (a) slip and immediately referred to an Assistant Principal. Student attends 1-3 Reflective Meetings (case by case basis). Refer to Level One.	Duty Teacher and Assistant Principal (AP)	Recorded in School Bytes by AP and slip stored in the PBL Folder.
Major (b) Playground Slip	Major behaviour is recorded on the Major (b) slip and immediately referred to an Assistant Principal and/or Principal.  Student attends 1-3 Reflective Meetings (case by case basis) or moves directly to Level Four or Five.	Duty Teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal	Recorded in School Bytes by AP or Principal and slip stored in the PBL Folder.
Reflective Meeting (Level One)	Major (a) and (b) = Reflective Meeting. Reflective Meetings run during first half lunch in the meeting room and a Reflective Meeting sheet is completed by the student in consultation with the AP on duty (restorative in nature). A letter is sent home to inform parents of the meeting.	Assistant Principal	Recorded in School Bytes. Parents have the option to sign and return or can arrange a meeting to discuss the matter further.
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Blakenurst Public School Playground Consequence Chart			
Minor (a) Record on slip. Shadow walk or reflection time (5-10 minutes)	Minor (b) Reflection time and behaviour recorded (10-15 minutes)	Major (a)  Reflection time, behaviour recorded and immediate referral to Executive Staff → formal reflective meeting/s	Major (b) Immediate referral to Principal → formal reflective meeting/s and possible departmental action
Teasing Not including others Not playing safely, play fighting Out of bounds Not wearing a school hat Not returning school equipment Chewing gum Being dishonest Littering Running on the playground before school Refusing to play by the established rules of the game Playing in the toilets Not using correct toilets (K-2/3-6) Throwing sticks, rocks or sand Using bad language or swearing in conversation	Fighting - verbal Spitting Tackling, pushing, shoving, tripping in a game Repeatedly going out of bounds Property misuse Climbing on fences, railings, verandahs, steps or seats Not following teacher instructions Inappropriate verbal language i.e. swearing at peers Inappropriate gestures towards others 3 or more 'minor (a)' behaviour slips in a term	Fighting — physical Spitting at others Threatening other students Lifting skirts, tops or pulling down pants Stealing or breaking another person's belongings Damaging school equipment Constantly harassing others Repeatedly disobeying staff 3 or more 'minor (b)' behaviour slips in a term Bullying Purposefully throwing sticks/rocks at others Derogatory or racist comments Property misuse leading to physical harm	Fighting – repeated physical     Physical aggression with     intent to harm e.g. fighting,     biting, scratching, punching,     throwing furniture     Leaving school grounds or     areas supervised by staff     Vandalism (including graffiti,     damage to toilets)     Bringing illegal substances to     school     Using or possessing     dangerous implements     Abusing/swearing at staff     Threatening staff     Repeated derogatory or     racist comments

Blakehurst Bluey says be safe, respectful, engaged and resilient.



#### Partnership with parents/carers

Parents and carers play an important role in the school community. <u>The School Community Charter</u> informs parents and carers on how to engage with NSW public schools.

Blakehurst Public School encourages parents and carers to engage with our PBL expectations by sharing these on the school website, through regular PBL articles in the school newsletter and by distributing copies of our plan at relevant times of the year e.g. Meet the Teacher and parent information sessions.

The PBL expectations and associated behaviours are displayed prominently throughout the school. The PBL lesson scope and sequence ensures all members of the community are aware of the weekly focus. The focus has been built into both the K-2 and 3-6 weekly assemblies.

PBL Lesson Scope and Sequence – Term 4 2023

Week	Expectation	Focus Area	
Week 1	PSSA and School Sport		
Week 2	Classroom	Safe	
Week 3	Playground		
Week 4	Equipment	Respectful	
Week 5	Canteen	Respectiui	
Week 6	Excursions	E	
Week 7	Moving	Engaged	
Week 8	Office		
Week 9	Assemblies	Resilient	
Week 10	Toilets		



#### **Bullying and Cyberbullying**

Bullying behaviour involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship, is ongoing and repeated and involves behaviour that can cause harm. Bullying is classified as a 'major' behaviour and may equate to one or more of the following levels (case by case basis):

Level Three - Reflective Meeting

Level Four - Restorative Session

Level Five – Suspension

Bullying prevention strategies are embedded in the Universal Systems and Early Intervention strategies listed in the 'Whole School Approach' table. Refer to Appendix 1 for the *Bullying Response Flowchart*.

#### **Review Dates**

Last review date: Term 3, 2024 Next review date: Term 3, 2025





#### **Appendix 1: Bullying Response Flowchart**

The following flowchart explains the actions Blakehurst Public School staff will take when they receive a report about student bullying, including bullying which may have occurred online or outside of the school setting. The timeframes will vary depending on the professional judgement of staff who receive the bullying complaint and their assessment of immediate risk to student/s.

#### First Hour: Listen

- •Identify bullying behaviour, including cyber-bullying.
- Provide a safe, guiet place to talk and reassure the student you will listen to them.
- •Let them share their experience and feelings without interruption.
- •As a mandatory reporter, if you hold immediate concerns about the student's safety, let the student know you will address these. Immediate in this circumstance is where the staff member believes the student is likely to experience harm (from others or self) within the next 24 hours

#### Day 1: Document

- •Ask the student for examples they have of alleged bullying e.g. hand written notes or screen shots
- •Write a record of your communication with the student and check with the student to ensure you have correctly recorded the facts.
- •Enter the record into School Bytes.
- •Notify the Assistant Principal (AP) and/or Principal.
- •The AP or Principal will notify parents/carers the issue of concern is being investigated.

#### Day 2: Collect

- •The AP and/or Principal gathers additional information from other students, staff or family.
- Review any previous reports or records in School Bytes for the students involved.
- •Clarify information with the student and check on wellbeing.

## Day 3:

- Evaluate the information and determine if it meets the definition of bullying i.e. bullying behaviour involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship, is ongoing and repeated and involves behaviour that can cause harm.
- Follow Reflection and Restorative Practices Procedures (Level One).
- Engage the student in the Reflection and Restorative Practices (part of the solution) and record in School Bytes.

## Day 4:

- •Meet with the student to review the situation.
- Discuss what has changed, improved or worsened.
- Explore other options for strengthening student wellbeing or safety.
- •Report back to parent and record outcomes in School Bytes.

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- •Continue to check in with student on a regular basis until concerns have been mitigated.
- •Record notes of follow-up meetings in School Bytes.
- Refer to the Learning Support Team if the situation is not resolved.
- •Look for opportunities to improve school wellbeing of all students.

