Behaviour Management

The School Expectations model will form the basis for all behaviour management.

- All teachers will clarify Rights/ Responsibilities and School Expectations with students at the classroom and whole school level and promote them within the teaching and learning program
- Mutual respect will be modelled and expected
- Acceptable behaviour will be actively supported and taught
- Positive corrective language will be used
- Unnecessary confrontation when managing students will be minimized by focusing on the behaviour
- Consequences will be related to the offence and reasonable and go from least severe to most severe

Student Supervision

Teachers have a duty of care to ensure that students are supervised at all times. This is provided by classroom teachers during lessons and duty teachers whilst students are at recess. Teacher aides and classroom helpers are not responsible for the supervision of students. It is ultimately the classroom teacher’s responsibility. If for any reason a teacher must leave the group of students under their supervision they must notify another teacher who is in a position to take over the supervision. Yard duty teachers must remain outside until all classes have been collected from line by the classroom teacher. Any incidents at this time are to be dealt with by the yard duty teacher.

Recording Incidents

Behaviour incidents must be recorded accurately in the yard duty book for outside incidents and in a classroom behaviour book for classroom incidents. This ensures that emerging patterns of behaviour can be detected and accurate information is available if parent follow up is needed or a referral to student support services required.

Regular monitoring of this information by the student well being coordinator will ensure that staff can be made aware of trends in behaviour that may need specific attention, management strategies or intervention.

After School Detention – School Yard Behaviour

In some cases it may be necessary to use the school’s detention process as a consequence for students who have seriously or consistently breached the school’s expectations for playground behaviour. Detentions will be supervised by the principal or delegate. When giving a detention parents will be notified. Students in detention should be engaged in school work or a reflective activity.

Lunchtime/ Morning Recess Detention

Students may be kept in for part of their lunch time or recess break to complete any unfinished classroom work or to reflect on their inappropriate behaviour. These detentions will be supervised by the teacher issuing the detention.
In School Suspension
When a student’s behaviour has not improved after lunch time and after school detentions have been given, an In School Suspension will be issued. The student will be required to work on their normal classroom activities in a supervised location away from their peers and they will not go outside for the normal morning and lunch recess breaks. The student will spend the recess sessions alone in a supervised area.

Walking with the Yard Duty Teacher
Walking with the yard duty teacher or confinement to a specific area of the playground may be a consequence for students who continually have problems in the yard. The length of time will be determined by the nature of the problem.

Representing the School / Attendance on Camps and Excursions
Representing the school in any form should be regarded as a positive opportunity to demonstrate our school values, thus selection into any team or group representing the school and attending camps and participating in excursions is dependent on students following the school expectations and values. The final decision about representing Haddon Primary School will be made by the principal in consultation with classroom teachers and parents.

Rewards Encouragement and Incentives
Praise, reward and acknowledgment of positive student behaviour should be given by staff at every opportunity. While important for all students, it is particularly important for the student whose behaviour is difficult to manage. We need to catch the student doing the right thing and apply positive consequences to ensure they repeat the behaviour.

Restorative Chats in the Classroom
Restorative chats establish strong expectations of appropriate behaviour and positive communication between staff and students. In order for these to be effective it is critical that teachers provide students with support and preparation for a restorative chat. By allowing time for students to reflect on their behaviour you:
- Prevent any element of surprise
- Prevent a student from developing an attitude of ‘yeh, whatever’
- Add value to the chat by enabling students and teachers to be more focussed
With time and preparation before the chat, both the teacher and the student can carefully and rationally work through the restorative process, focusing on the behaviour, those affected by it and exploring ways of repairing the harm.
The advantages of a restorative chat

The School:
is seen to be fair because of the way it deals with the problems

The Victim:
is able to express how they feel and have their needs met

The Offender:
is able to see the effect of their actions and have a chance to fix things up

Relationships:
are more respectful

When to use a restorative chat:

When a student is not meeting class expectations a teacher may talk to the student in a restorative way.

When students have differences, get into a conflict or do things such as bullying, a small group or class conference may be held to sort things out.

When serious offences happen, a conference involving parents and others (class teacher, staff, support staff, ) may be held.
School Behaviour Consequences

Our school expectations (see School Student Engagement Policy) are what we believe are necessary for establishing a positive environment for students and adults. If these are supported by everyone in our school community our school will be a safe, happy, friendly and welcoming place.

Positive Consequences: what happens when a student chooses to support our rules and expectations.

Negative Consequences: what happens when a student chooses to disregard our rules and expectations

At Haddon we have two sets of positive and negative consequences. These are:

- In the Yard and Around the School Consequences
- Classroom Behaviour Consequences

In the Yard and Around the School
Positive Consequences

- Verbal praise, encouragement, recognition by all teachers to any student when deserved
- Awards presented by principal at school assembly
- Whole School Rewards- All students will be rewarded on a fortnightly basis for positive behaviours in the yard and around the school. The time and nature of the reward will be decided in consultation with the staff. An extra ten minutes play supervised by the principal and assistant principal will be the default reward and the student welfare coordinator will ensure that the reward is consistently given. This is a celebration in recognition of all students who have maintained appropriate behaviour, and those students whose behaviour is inappropriate, based upon incidents recorded in the yard duty incident books, will not take part. These students will spend the reward time in their classrooms with their classroom teacher reflecting upon their behaviour.

Negative Consequences

- Name in yard duty incident book and either a warning, walk with the teacher, hot seat or removal from yard depending upon the severity of the incident.

Each fortnight the Student Welfare Coordinator will review the incidents recorded in the yard incident books and make a decision as to whether or not the following consequences will apply.
- Student not permitted to participate in fortnightly whole school reward
- After school detention

Serious Breach of Rules/Expectations
Physical violence, harassment or intimidation, abusing staff, refusal to follow instructions and wilful property damage should result in immediate removal from the playground.
Classroom Behaviour Management

Positive Consequences

- Verbal praise, personal recognition e.g. stickers, certificates, happy notes
- Student of the week
- Classroom responsibilities
- Marbles in the jar – whole class reward
- Other – classroom teacher ideas

Negative Consequences

1. Name on board – warning
2. Tick on name on board – 15 minutes time out in classroom
3. Second tick on name on board – one hour session in time out room
4. Sent to principal with prospect of phone call or letter to parent explaining actions

Serious Breach of Rules/Expectations

Physical violence, harassment or intimidation, abusing staff, refusal to follow instructions and wilful property damage will see the student immediately proceed to step 4.

For repeated and serious breaches of either the In the Yard and Around the School or Classroom Behaviour Expectations/Rules, suspension of the student in accordance with DEET guidelines may occur. (see appendix)

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IS NOT USED IN ANY FORM AT OUR SCHOOL

Fresh Start Every Day- All students are entitled to a fresh start every day. Warnings from the previous day do not carry over to the next day.

- The only exception to this is if a student has reached stage 3 of the negative consequences but it is at the end of the school day. The one hour time out session occurs at the beginning of the next day.
- When a student has a time out in another classroom they must spend the whole hour in the assigned timeout room. Students do not go to timeout rooms for short periods of time.
- Timeout rooms will be assigned at the beginning of each year.
- Teachers are to record incidents in a classroom behaviour book. Time out session in another classroom is to be recorded on an incident form and given to student welfare coordinator at the end of each week.
Classroom Behaviour

Disruptive Class Behaviour
All disruptive behaviour is to be recorded in the classroom behaviour book.

1. Name on board – warning (chance to remind student about rules)
2. Tick on name on board – 15 minutes time out in classroom
3. Second tick on name on board – one hour session in time out room
4. Sent to principal with prospect of phone call or letter to parent explaining actions

Time Out Room
Time out is a one hour session in allocated timeout room. Student must have work to take to timeout room. The student is to receive no attention from the teacher or students in the timeout room.

Serious Breach - Step 4
Immediately
Principal’s Office – possibly phone call or letter to parents

Examples of serious breach behaviours:
Physical violence
Endangering safety of others
Damaging property
Verbal abuse
Refusal to obey instructions