

Discipline Policy

If students do not fulfil their Enrolment Agreement then they will need to be aware that a number of sanctions can apply.

A Friday Afternoon Detention operates from 3.15pm to 4.15pm or 5.00pm for students who disregard school rules. Some detentions occur on Saturday mornings from 9.00am to 12.00pm. School privileges, including representative status, discos and excursions will be withdrawn from students who do not meet School expectations regarding conduct, work effort, punctuality, attendance and presentation. In some cases, suspension may be necessary. Parents/carers will be contacted and the problem discussed.

The Principal or delegate, reserves the right to inspect a student's bag, search a locker or ask a student to empty their pockets, if they believe that the student may be in the possession of stolen goods/items or illegal substances. The possession or use of cigarettes, alcohol or drugs is forbidden at the School, at School functions or while wearing school uniform. The possession or use of alcohol or drugs may lead to expulsion. A report can also be made to the Police Department.

The school has a dedicated welfare staff comprising the Welfare Coordinator, Year Coordinators and the full time School Counsellor. It is the school's belief that many problems can be better addressed early if there is free communication between parents/carers and the main teachers in charge of their child's care. Please feel free to contact the appropriate person as soon as you perceive any problems or difficulties arising.

Conduct at Co-curricular Activities

The fact that students are members of the James Sheahan Catholic High School community makes him/her a representative of the school. People will judge the school by your child. This is particularly true on public occasions, on excursions, at sporting events and on the way to and from school. It is very important that students conduct themselves in a courteous manner at all times. Remember that when representing the school, all policies relating to tobacco use, drugs or alcohol, dress code and general conduct will be strictly enforced.

Exit Policy

It is essential that suspension and exclusion are seen as strategies within our Behaviour Management Policy of the School. These strategies are to be used only in serious cases of misbehaviour. A student who is extremely insolent, persistently disobedient, disruptive or harasses other students or staff may be suspended from school. Violent behaviour must be dealt with swiftly and will result in immediate suspension. The motivation, work and safety of other students must not be jeopardised. Students who harass or bully staff or students, partake in or have in their possession illegal drugs, will be suspended.

Termination of a student's enrolment is an extreme disciplinary step reserved for cases of gross misconduct, persistently disruptive behaviour, or other serious breaches of School Rules. Normally, the termination of enrolment will be imposed only after appropriate measures including consultation with parents/carers, School Executive, CEO and Parish Priest, have been adopted.