



**Kalamunda Senior High School**

*An Independent Public School*

# Senior School Good Standing



*learning - Respect - Resilience - Pride - Community*

## Rationale

At Kalamunda Senior High School our goals for Senior School students are for them to:

- Enjoy the learning experience senior school courses can provide
- Achieve success, including WACE (secondary graduation), entry to university or TAFE, preparation for an apprenticeship or for entry to the workforce.
- Assume the leadership of the student body.

To enable students to achieve these goals Good Standing sets out the standards required in the Senior School. These standards cover the areas of:

- Academic performance
- Attendance
- Conduct

Senior School students must ensure that they meet each of the three standards each semester. Student performance will be assessed at the end of each semester and their standing will be reviewed. Student achievement in one semester will determine their status for the following semester.

## Academic Standard

**Students must maintain a 'C' average across all courses to successfully meet the academic standard.**

Senior School students need to read the *Kalamunda Senior High School Senior School Assessment Policy* to ensure that they fully understand the requirements for successfully completing the assessment program for all courses. To assist students teachers provide their classes with copies of syllabus documents and assessment programs. These set out what is required for each course and how it will be assessed.

## Attendance

Research demonstrates there is a strong correlation between the academic performance of students and their attendance and participation. The Curriculum Council states that all students must complete the assessment and education program for a Course to be given a grade. Absences will impact on a student's ability to understand the material covered and to successfully complete the assessment program to the best of their ability. In order for the attendance standards to be achieved:

- Senior School students must attend school for a minimum **90%** each semester.
- Extended absences due to illness verified by a doctor's certificate will be taken into consideration.
- Special school days including sports carnivals and Kalamunda Day are compulsory attendance days. Failure to attend these days will affect a student's good standing.
- No holidays, outside the normal weeks of school holidays should be taken.

## Conduct

All students at Kalamunda Senior High School are expected to maintain a high level of behaviour. Good conduct ensures that students give themselves the best opportunity to focus on achieving their academic potential. Further, good conduct ensures that students develop strong positive working relationships with their peers and teachers.

The following should be considered aspects of appropriate conduct:

- respecting school rules and the school's five values
- respecting the rights of others
- appropriate organisation and preparation
- appropriate use of class time.
- wearing full school uniform at all times

**Suspension results in automatic loss of good standing**

## **Student Standing**

Students fall into one of three groups relating to achievement against each of the standards set for Senior School. The performance groups are:

- Advanced Standing
- Good Standing
- Conditional Standing

### **Good Standing**

All students will commence Senior School with Good Standing. Students and those who have maintained Good Standing in a semester will have achieved the following levels of performance:

- Academic Standards - maintain a C or better grades across all courses
- Attendance Standards - 90% or better attendance
- Conduct Standards - maintain consistently good conduct.

### **Advanced Standing**

Students are deemed to have excelled in all Senior School standards when they have achieved the following levels of performance in a semester.

- Academic Standards - achieved A grades in all Courses
- Attendance Standards - 90% or better attendance
- Conduct Standards - maintained consistently good conduct.

Students who achieve and maintain Advanced Standing in a semester will have access to all of the privileges of Senior School. Further, students who achieve advanced standing will also receive:

- An Advanced Standing badge
- An Advanced Standing Certificate which will show when advanced standing was achieved.
- Recognition at a full school assembly
- An invitation for the students and their parents to a morning tea for Advanced Standing students
- Free ticket to the School Ball (Year 12 only)
- Access to school funded revision and examination revision programs.

### **Conditional Standing**

Students are deemed to have performed below an acceptable level of the Senior School standards when:

- Academic standards – C grade average or below
- Attendance standards – below 90% attendance
- Suspension automatically places a student with Conditional Standing
- Conduct is of an unacceptable standard

In this circumstance, the school will undertake a number of strategies designed to restore a student's Good Standing. These interventions will include:

- A case conference including the student, their parents, Head of Senior School and/or Manager of Students Services/ Associate Principal
- Implementation of weekly attendance checks
- Regular monitoring of academic performance
- Loss of privilege to attend school social events as deemed appropriate by the Head of Senior School and Manager of Student Services.

## **Sustained Poor Performance**

In circumstances where students are on Conditional Standing for more than one semester, the following actions will be taken:

- Year 11 – Where a student is deemed to have performed below the Senior School standards for Semester One and Two they will not be permitted to automatically enter Year 12 in the following year. A case conference will be held with the student, their parents, the Manager of Student Services, Head of Senior School and/or Associate Principal to discuss the continuation of the current course and the most appropriate action for the future.

**Continuation into Year 12 should be considered extremely unlikely.**

- Year 12 – Where a student is deemed to have performed below the Senior School standards in Semester one of Year 12, an immediate case conference will be called with the student, their parents, the Head of Senior School, Manager of Student Services and the Associate Principal to discuss the continuation of the current course and the most appropriate action for the future.

**Continuation of enrolment in Year 12 should be considered extremely unlikely.**

Any student who feels their Good Standing needs to be investigated may bring the issue to the attention of the Associate Principal or Principal.

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