

NSW Department of Education

Mount Hunter Primary School

Primary School Behaviour Support and Management Plan

Overview

Mount Hunter Public School is committed to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour and to supporting all students to be engaged with their learning.

Our goal is to inspire every child to participate positively in the school community and beyond. We focus on promoting excellence, opportunity and success for every student, every day. We value and strive to develop safe, respectful learners in a caring learning community.

Principles of positive behaviour support, trauma-informed practice, inclusive practice, and social emotional learning underpin our daily practice. High expectations for student behaviour are established and maintained through effective role modelling, explicit teaching, and planned responses.

To achieve our mission, key programs prioritised and valued by the school community are:

- [PAX Good Behaviour Game](#)
- [Positive Living Skills](#)
- [Student Wellbeing programs such as Life Education](#)

These programs prioritise social and emotional learning which supports good mental health, positive relationships and supports prevention of bullying.

Mount Hunter Public School rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including online (or cyber) bullying by maintaining a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Staff are committed to establishing evidence-based approaches and strategies that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur.

All members of the school community are active participants in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity and fosters positive relationships. A key component of a supportive school culture is building respectful relationships and an ethos that bullying is not accepted, in both online and offline environments. School staff actively respond to student bullying behaviour.

Partnership with parents and carers

Mount Hunter Public School will partner with parents/carers in establishing expectations for engagement in developing and implementing student behaviour management and antibullying strategies, by:

- inviting parent/carer and student feedback through formal and informal means, such as school surveys and consulting with the P & C and local AECG

- using concerns raised through complaints procedures to review school systems, data and practices.

Mount Hunter Public School will communicate these expectations to parents/carers through the school newsletter and school website. Our school proactively builds collaborative relationships with families and communities to create a shared understanding of how to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.

- The whole school award structure is linked to the **Respectful, Responsible and Resilient** behaviours. Students receive weekly class awards, assembly awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards as recognition for positive behaviours displayed across the whole school setting.

School-wide expectations and rules

Example Public School has the following school-wide expectations and rules:

To be respectful, responsible and resilience learners.

Respectful	Responsible	Resilient
Be kind and value others	Be safe	Ask for help
Use appropriate language	Be on time	Restore harm
Work co-operatively	Be ready to learn	Overcome challenges
Accept differences		Be your best

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

The Behaviour Code for Students can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policyprocedures/pd-2006-0316/pd-2006-0316-01>. This document translated into multiple languages is available here: [Behaviour Code for Students](#).

Whole school approach across the care continuum

Our school embeds student wellbeing and positive behaviour approaches and strategies in practices across the care continuum to promote positive behaviour and respond to behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying behaviour.

These approaches and strategies are built on a foundation of evidence-based effective classroom practices that set the tone for engagement with learning and respectful relationships. These practices include:

- stating and explicitly teaching classroom expectations
- establishing predictable routines and procedures that are communicated clearly to students
- encouraging expected behaviour with positive feedback and reinforcement
- discouraging inappropriate behaviour

- providing active supervision of students
- maximising opportunities for active engagement with learning
- providing carefully sequenced engaging lessons that provide options for student choice
- differentiating learning content and tasks to meet the needs of all learners.

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Prevention	<u>Positive Living Skills</u>	The Positive Living Skills (PLS) program is an evidence-based comprehensive mental health and wellbeing approach based on a combination of social and emotional learning, preventative mental health, resilience and life skills.	All
Prevention	<u>PAX Good Behaviour Game</u>	PAX Good Behaviour Game (PAX GBG) consists of evidence-based strategies used daily by teachers to teach self-regulation, reduce impulsivity, increase focus and strengthen peer networks.	All
Prevention	<u>Classroom Management</u>	High quality differentiated teaching that addresses individual learning needs of all students, where appropriate learning adjustments are documented in an individual student support plan and/or Personal Learning Support Plans (PLSPs).	All
Prevention	<u>Child protection</u>	Teaching child protection education is a mandatory part of the syllabus.	Students K - 6
Prevention	<u>Student Support Officers</u>	<u>School learning support officers</u> work in schools to enhance the wellbeing and learning outcomes of students. SLSOs support the implementation of the school's whole-of-school approach to wellbeing, helping students develop social and emotional skills through targeted strengths-based programs and strategies that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships.	SLSO
Early Intervention	Classroom Management	Communication with parents, and where relevant, the use of communication books. Explicit teaching and modelling of specific skills including behaviour expectations and social skills. Referral to school Learning and Support Team and the Learning Support Teacher professional learning.	Staff and Parents
Prevention / Early Intervention /	Australian eSafety Commissioner <u>Toolkit for</u>	The toolkit resources are categorised into four elements: Prepare, Engage, Educate and Respond. The resources are used to engage with the school community about	All

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Targeted / Individual intervention	<u>Schools to prevent and respond to cyberbullying</u>	creating and maintaining safe online environments to prevent cyberbullying incidents. The toolkit includes actions to report and manage cyberbullying incidents.	
Targeted / Individual intervention	<u>Learning and Support</u>	The Learning and Support Team works with teachers, students and families to support students who require personalised learning and support.	All
Targeted / Individual intervention	<u>Attendance support</u>	The LST refer students to the attendance co-ordinator who will convene a planning meeting with students, families and teachers to address barriers to improved attendance and set growth goals.	Individual students, attendance co-ordinator
Targeted/ Individual intervention	<u>Individual behaviour support planning</u>	This may include developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing: behaviour support, behaviour response and risk management plans.	Individual students, parent/carer, LAST, AP
Targeted / individual intervention	<u>Wellbeing groups</u>	Implementation of wellbeing groups to assist students with social and emotional regulation and develop skills through targeted strength and play-based programs that build resilience, coping skills and help to students build positive relationships.	SLSO. Class teachers
Targeted / individual intervention	<u>Delivery support Team</u>	‘Team Around a School’ – Learning and Wellbeing Officer, Assistant Principal Learning and Support, Behaviour Specialist, Out of Home Care Teacher, Itinerant Support Teacher Early Intervention, Support Teacher Transition, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Home School Liaison Officer, Aboriginal School Liaison Officer), Learning and Wellbeing Advisor, Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator NDIS Transition Coordinator, Networked Specialist Facilitator.	Delivery Support team and teachers
Individual Intervention	<u>Delivery support team</u>	The Delivery Support team will work in conjunction with the Learning and Support Team to: develop appropriate behaviour expectations and strategies with other staff member; monitor the impact of support for individual students through continuous data collection; provide consistent strategies and adjustments outlined within an individual student support plan.	Class teacher, LST and teaching staff

Planned responses to positive appropriate behaviour, inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying

Identifying behaviour of concern, including bullying and cyberbullying

A behaviour of concern is challenging, complex or unsafe behaviour that requires more persistent and intensive interventions. A behaviour of concern does not include low-level inappropriate or developmentally appropriate behaviour. Bullying behaviour involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship, is ongoing and repeated and involves behaviour that can cause harm.

Mount Hunter Public School staff will identify inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying through a range of channels, for example:

- directly observing a student's behaviours, interactions, verbal communications, or work produced (such as written materials, performances or artworks)
- a person disclosing information that is not previously known, either because it is new information or because it has been kept a secret
- concerns raised by a parent, community member or agency.

Students or parents can report bullying to any staff member. NSW public school principals have the authority to take disciplinary action to address student behaviours that occur outside of school hours or school grounds, including cyberbullying. Students who have been bullied will be offered appropriate support, for example through the school counselling service.

Responses to all behaviours of concern apply to student behaviour that occurs:

- at school
- on the way to and from school
- on school-endorsed activities that are off-site
- outside school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and students' conduct
- when using social media, mobile devices and/or other technology involving another student or staff member.

Preventing and responding to behaviours of concern

Planned responses to behaviour that does not meet school expectations are either teacher or executive managed. Staff use their professional judgement in deciding whether a behaviour is teacher managed or executive managed. They should consider whether the behaviour poses a risk to the safety or wellbeing of the student or others.

- **Teacher managed** – low level inappropriate behaviour is managed by teachers in the classroom and the playground.
- **Executive managed** – behaviour of concern is managed by the school principal.

- Corrective responses are recorded on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system. These include:

Classroom	Non-classroom setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rule reminder • re-direct • offer choice • error correction • prompts • reteach • seat change • stay in at break to discuss/ complete work • conference • detention, reflection and restorative practices • communication with parent/carer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rule reminder • re-direct • offer choice • error correction • prompts • reteach • play or playground re-direction • walk with teacher • detention, reflection and restorative practices • communication with parent/carer.

Mount Hunter Public School staff model, explicitly teach, recognise and reinforce positive student behaviour and behavioural expectations. PAX Good Behaviour Game (PAX GBG) and Positive Living Skills consist of evidence-based strategies used daily by teachers to teach self-regulation, reduce impulsivity, increase focus and strengthen peer networks.

We acknowledge that not all students are encouraged by the same thing or in the same ways. Younger students may be more motivated by adult attention while older students are typically more motivated by peer attention, activities, privileges, or freedom. When learning new skills, students need immediate and frequent reinforcement and as they develop mastery they respond to intermittent and long-term reinforcement to maintain their social behavioural efforts.

The use of verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is the most powerful way to:

- help adults and learners to focus on positive social behaviour
- increase the likelihood that students will use the expected behaviours and skills in the future
- decrease unexpected behaviour and reduce the need for corrective responses

- enhance self-esteem and build an internal focus of control.

Prevention Responses to recognise and reinforce positive, inclusive and safe behaviour	Early Intervention Responses to minor inappropriate behaviour are teacher managed.	Targeted/Individualised Responses to behaviours of concern are executive managed
1. Behaviour expectations are taught and referred to regularly. Teachers model behaviours and provide opportunities for practice. Students are acknowledged for meeting school-wide expectations and rules.	1. Refer to school-wide expectations and/or emotional regulation visuals and/or supports so that the student can self-regulate.	1. Contact office to seek help from principal straight away if there is a risk.
2. Verbal and non-verbal specific positive feedback is paired with a positive, tangible reinforcer in a school-wide continuum for acknowledging expected behaviour.	2. Use indirect responses including proximity, signals, non-verbal cues, ignore, attend, praise, redirect with specific corrective feedback.	2. CT or Principal to take immediate steps to restore safety and return the situation to calm by using appropriate strategies such as: redirecting to another area or activity, providing reassurance or offering choices. Incident review and planning is scheduled for a later time, determined by the context and nature of the incident.
3. Tangible reinforcers include those that are: free and frequent moderate and intermittent significant and infrequent Intermittent and infrequent reinforcers are recorded on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system.	3. Use direct responses e.g. rule reminder, re-teach, provide choice, scripted interventions, student conference. Students have an opportunity to meet the classroom/playground behaviour expectation before low-level consequence is applied.	3. Principal collects information and reviews the incident from multiple perspectives to determine next steps. Principal to record incident on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system and contact parent/carer by email or phone. Principal may consider further action e.g., formal caution or suspension.
4. Social emotional learning lessons are taught (PAX GBG and Positive Living Skills) weekly.	4. Teacher records on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system by the end of the school day. Monitor and inform family if repeated. For some incidents, referral is made to the school's anti-racism contact officer (ARCO) or anti-bullying co-ordinator.	4. Refer to the school's Learning and Support Team considering current and previous behaviour data. Other actions may include completing a risk assessment and/or collaboratively developing a behaviour support/response plan.
Teacher/parent contact	Teacher/parent contact	Teacher/parent contact
Teacher contact through the parent portal or phone calls home are used to communicate student effort to meet expectations. Recognition awards for positive individual and class behaviour are given at fortnightly school assemblies.	Teacher contacts parents by phone or email when a range of corrective responses have not been successful. Individual planning and referral to Learning Support Team may be discussed.	Parent/carer contact is made by Class teacher or Principal to discuss any support and behaviour responses, including referral to the LST, school counsellor, outside agencies or Team Around a School.

Responses to serious behaviours of concern

Responses for serious behaviours of concern, including students who display bullying behaviour, are recorded on Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system. These may include:

- review and document incident
- determine appropriate response/s, including supports for staff or other students impacted
- refer/monitor the student through the school learning and support team
- develop or review individual student support planning, including teaching positive replacement behaviour and making learning and environmental adjustments
- detention, reflection and restorative practices (listed below)
- liaise with [Team Around a School](#) for additional support or advice
- communication and collaboration with parents/carers (phone, email, parent portal, meeting)
- formal caution to suspend, suspension or expulsion.

The NSW Department of Education [Student Behaviour policy](#) and [Suspension and Expulsion Procedures](#) apply to all NSW public schools.

Reporting and recording behaviours of concern

Staff will comply with reporting and responding processes outlined in the:

- [Incident Notification and Response procedure](#)
- [Student Behaviour Policy](#) and [Suspension and Expulsion procedures](#)

Students and/or parents/carers can report cyberbullying to the [eSafety Commissioner](#) and reporting links for most sites, games and apps can be found at the [eSafety](#) Guide.

Detention, reflection and restorative practices

Toilet and food breaks are always included when withdrawal from free choice play at either break is planned as a response to behaviour. The maximum length of time will be appropriate to the age/developmental level of the student.

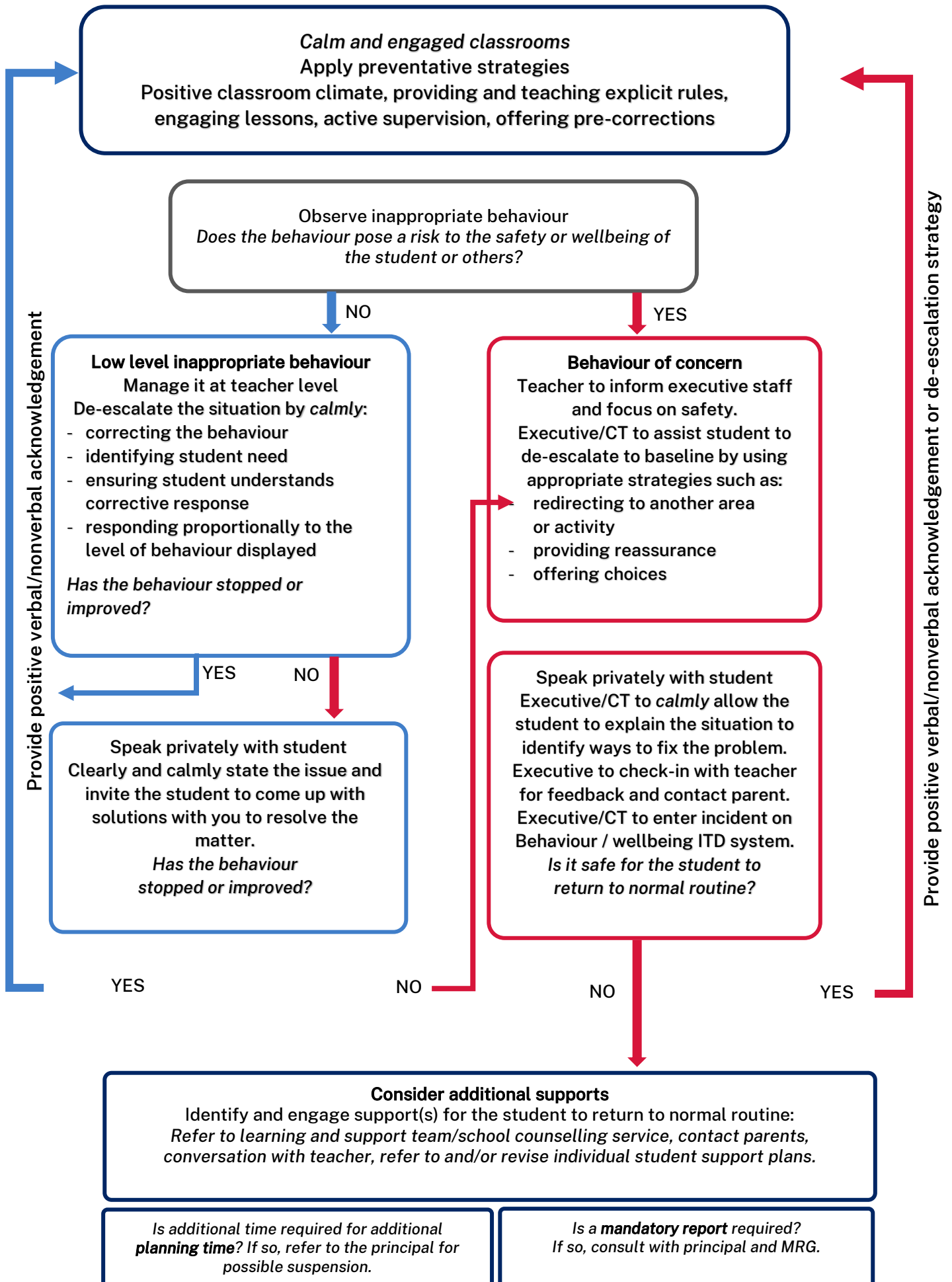
Strategy	When and how long?	Who coordinates?	How are these recorded?
Reflection – a structured debriefing and planning after a crisis event or behaviour of concern with an individual student (reflection)	Next day at either lunch or recess break	Principal	Documented in [Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system]
Alternate play plan – withdrawal from free choice play and re-allocation to office or classroom for supervised play following breach in behaviour. The purpose is to assist the student to achieve the desired behaviour, to reflect on their behaviour and make positive choices – individual or group. (K-2)	Scheduled for either lunch or recess break	Principal	Documented in [Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system]
Teacher-directed time-out (Up to 10 minutes to remove student from setting to calm down)	As soon as possible after time of incident	Class teacher or Principal	Documented in [Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system]
Student-directed time-out (Student moves to self-designated calm down area)	As soon as possible after time of incident	Class teacher or Principal	Documented in [Behaviour / wellbeing ITD system]

Review dates

Last review date: [05/02/2025 - Day 1, Term 1, 2025]

Next review date: [028/01/2026 - Day 1, Term 1, 2026]

Appendix 1: Behaviour management flowchart



Bullying Response Flowchart

The following flowchart explains the actions Mount Hunter 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 judgment of staff who receive the bullying complaint and their assessment of immediate risk to student/s.

