Managing Student Behaviour- Serious consequences

A positive school ethos

“The majority of students in our schools behave well. They understand the behaviour expected of them by their teachers and generally act responsibly. There are, however, a minority of students whose behaviour is well outside what is expected.” Sharyn O’Neill, Director General

Whilst this list is not exclusion, the following behaviours may result in a severe consequence which could include suspension from the school:-

• Fighting
• Deliberate physical contact with another person, eg. Punching, hitting, slapping
• Graffiti
• Damage to school property
• Social media access
• Defiance/refusal to follow a direct instruction
• Intimidation
• Verbal Abuse For eg, swearing directly at a staff member
• Bullying/teasing
• Theft
• Truanting
• Substance Use- students involved in bringing/using/supplying any illicit substance will also be referred to the police
• Recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students or staff on school premises.

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This is in accordance with the following extract from the School Education Act 1999.

91. For the purposes of this Division a student may be excluded from the attendance at a government school if:-

(a) He or she has committed a breach of the school discipline in circumstances that-
(i) Have adversely affected or threaten the safety of any person who is on the school grounds or participating in an educational programme of the school;
(ii) Have caused or are likely to result in damage to property
(b) His or her behaviour has disrupted the educational instruction of other students

Damaging school property puts other students at risk and is a serious breach of behaviour.