

School Disciplinary Absences

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Many strategies are used by our school to provide appropriate consequences for unacceptable student behaviour. The use of School Disciplinary Absences - suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment - are consequences used after consideration has been given to all other responses.

The Principal must be reasonably satisfied that grounds exist under the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006](#) outlined in sections 284, 289 and 316 prior to making the decision to suspend, recommend exclusion or cancel the enrolment of a student.

For further information on suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment, refer to the policy [SMS-PR-021: Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment](#).

The data are provided in terms of aggregate counts of incidents recorded by the school. The data do not represent the outcomes of any related appeal decisions. The number of suspensions does not reflect the number of students suspended as a student may be suspended more than once.

Student Counts	2006	2007	2008	2009
Full-time Enrolment*	420	475	500	527

Disciplinary Absences	Reporting Period			
	2006 Full Year	2007 Full Year	2008 Full Year	2009 Semester 1
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	10	9	19	27
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	<5	<5	<5	2
Exclusions	0	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0	0

* The enrolment figures are counts of full-time students. 2006 - 2008 enrolment data are sourced from August (Census) Corporate Data Downloads, and 2009 enrolment data are sourced from the February Corporate Data Download.