

What to do if your child is suspended from school



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What does suspension mean?

Suspension means that your child can't go to school for a number of days.

There are two types of suspension

- Short – 1 to 4 school days
- Long — 5 to 20 school days

Only the principal can decide that a student should be suspended and for how long.

What will happen if your child is suspended?

You will receive a copy of the suspension procedures and a letter from the principal. The principal's letter will tell you why your child has been suspended and how long the suspension will last.

You will be asked to come to the school to discuss the suspension as soon as possible. The school will provide a study program for students on long suspensions.

You can bring someone to help you if you wish. There is a list of people who can help you on the next page. Please ask someone at your school to fill in the appropriate names and telephone numbers.

How can you appeal?

- You can appeal if you think that the suspension is unfair, or the procedures haven't been followed properly.
- People at your regional office will help you. There is a list of people on the next page.

Your child can't go to school during the suspension, even if you do appeal.

What does expulsion mean?

Expulsion means that your child has to leave the school.

There are two types of expulsion

- From a school (your child can enrol at another school)
- From the school with the principal recommending the student not be permitted to enrol in any other NSW government school.

The principal can expel your child from a school. Only the Minister for Education and Training (NSW) can decide if a student expelled for misbehaviour should not be permitted to enrol in any other NSW government school.

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Who can help you if your child is suspended or at risk of suspension?

AT OUR SCHOOL

School CounsellorTel.....

Year AdviserTel.....

Other school staffTel.....

Aboriginal Education AssistantTel.....

REGIONAL OFFICE

Student Services Officer.....Tel.....

Student Welfare ConsultantTel.....

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer.....Tel.....

OTHER AGENCIES

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (02) 9550 5666

Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations (02) 9360 2481

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

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