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## **Behaviour Support Policy**

### **Policy Statement**

At Living Waters Lutheran School, 'Teaching the love of Christ' is our mission. This love is demonstrated in Christ's death and resurrection in payment for our sins. God's unconditional love and grace offers us forgiveness and the hope of eternal life with God in heaven. Only the gospel message can change people by declaring them right with God.

At Living Waters the Gospel of Jesus is the means and motivation for inviting, encouraging and developing acceptable student behaviour. Our ultimate aim is for students to develop self discipline.

Since Christian attitudes are not inherent to human nature, teachers will present the Christian life-style through instruction, admonition and example. This will be done in a happy, loving and caring environment in order to reinforce Christian values, to encourage positive attitudes and behaviours and to build positive relationships.

### **School Process for addressing inappropriate behaviour:**

Every student has the right to feel safe but also has the responsibility to show respect, care, love and a genuine interest in the needs of people. For Living Waters to achieve these aims good order is essential. We therefore have rules and expect students to follow them cooperatively, of their own accord.

To support this the school has in place a range of behaviour support strategies which may include extended Christian counseling, behaviour support sessions, parent consultation, withdrawal from class and for serious behaviour breaches, internal and external suspension and/or exclusion from the school.

#### ***Living Waters Lutheran School does not support the use of corporal punishment.***

It is an expectation that parents support this Behaviour Support Policy as it is essential that a partnership exists between parents and the school. Continuous inappropriate and offensive or disruptive behaviour will be treated as a serious behaviour breach. Continuous harassment and/or retaliation against a person for reporting harassment (based on the school's Anti Bullying Policy) will also be treated as a serious behaviour breach.

All efforts by the school to promote positive attitudes and behaviour and to correct unacceptable behaviour will have as their prime goal the Christian growth and development of the students as individuals and as members of a community.