

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.

NOTE: the data sets represent the number of suspension *occurrences*, NOT the number of *students* suspended. The number of students who incurred suspension is lower than below (since some incidents involve the same student, in the case of repeat-offenders).

The data shows, in fact, that around **95% of our students NEVER incur suspension** from school – well done!

Student Counts	2006	2007	2008	2009
Full-time Enrolment*	1005	1045	1065	1023

Disciplinary Absences	Reporting Period			
	2006 Full Year	2007 Full Year	2008 Full Year	2009 Semester 1
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	103	103	123	94
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	8	6	24	9
Exclusions	<5	<5	6	<5
Cancellations of Enrolment	<5	<5	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.