



DETENTION POLICY

Rationale

Detention is given to students as a disciplinary option to address inappropriate student behaviour.

Detention can be applied:

- During school hours, or
- Outside school hours on a school day.

Detentions During School Hours

The executive leadership team, leadership team and teachers have been authorised by the Principal to implement detentions during school hours.

Detentions during school hours occur during a lunch break. Students are required to report to the teacher implementing the detention for a maximum of 20 minutes duration at any one time. Provision must be made for food and toilet breaks during the remaining lunch time.

During the detention, students will be fully supervised and will be required to complete tasks set by the teacher.

Failure to complete set tasks may result in additional consequences.

Detentions Outside School Hours

The executive leadership team and leadership team have been authorised by the Principal to implement detentions outside school hours.

Detentions outside school hours occur before or after school on a week day for a maximum of 30 minutes duration or as negotiated with a parent/carer.

During the detention, students will be fully supervised and will be required to complete tasks set by the teacher.

Failure to complete set tasks may result in additional consequences.

Protocols for Detentions Outside School Hours

If detention is to be undertaken outside of school hours, the following procedures will apply:

- Staff seek authorisation from the Principal.
- Staff complete a risk assessment and risk management plan (if needed).
- Staff notify parents/carers of the proposed detention at least 24 hours before the detention is scheduled to occur.
- Notification will occur via the 'Outside School Hours Detention Consent Form'. This form can either be completed over the phone with the parent or on paper by the parent.
- Staff upload completed consent to One School.



Consultation

The Gordonvale State High School Detention Policy was developed in consultation with the school community, including:

- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Committee
- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- Student Council
- P&C

Review

The Gordonvale State High School Detention Policy will undergo annual minor updates to reflect changing circumstances, data and staff.

A fulsome review is conducted every four years in line with the scheduled review process for the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting cycle.

Endorsement

The Gordonvale State High School Detention Policy has been informed by:

- Queensland Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Department of Education: Procedure – Student Discipline
- Department of Education: Fact Sheet – Detention
- Gordonvale State High School: Student Code of Conduct

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