Student Behaviour Before and After School

Concerns have been raised regarding student behaviour before and after school. These concerns have been raised by teachers and parents. Data that supports these concerns relates to general student misbehaviour involving ‘out of bounds’ play, use (generally kicking) of footballs and other large balls, running games, jumping on or over seats, accessing outdoor adventure play equipment. There is significant risk to students (physical injury) who either engage in these behaviours or are put in harms way as a result of other student’s poor behaviour choices. From time to time student injuries do occur and these are generally tracked back to poor student behaviour choices.

An example of previous communication with the school community (to parents via newsletter) about before school student expectations has been;

*This is preparation time for students. Students should use this time to organise books, catch up on work to be completed, read to a buddy/friend, play a board game and/or sharpen pencils etc. The bell to commence the school day is at 8.50am and instruction begins soon after. With such a busy and productive start to the day, your support for a quiet and orderly start to the day is appreciated, as is student attendance by 8.50am. As a general reminder to students and in particular upper school students; running games and games involving large footballs/netballs etc are not appropriate before school. Student safety, damage to property and/or loss of equipment are prime concerns in this matter.*

**Before School**

Having set the expectation that before school time is not for play rather preparation for class and learning, it is entirely consistent that the following applies to student behaviour before school.

- Students who arrive before 8.00am should access Outside Hours School Care (Jinibara OSHC);
- Student arrival should be no earlier than – 8.30am;
- Students who arrive between 8.00am and 8.30am must go directly to the Covered Play Area closest to their classroom and sit until they can access their classroom
- During this time students are not to be engaged in running games, ball games, playing or digging in sand pits or gardens;
- When class doors open at approximately 8.40am students should enter and prepare for the day; and
- **Learning is the purpose of school and a quiet and focused start to the day and attending all day, every day makes a difference.**

*(Enrolment packages are available from the Office.)*
*(Exceptions to the above would be for students in Extension LOTE, Instrumental Music, Supervised Coaching clinics/sessions, some School excursions.)*

**After School**

It also remains a clear expectation that once students have been dismissed for the day that they make their way home immediately via an established and agreed mode and/or route. Outside Hours School Care (Jinibara OSHC) is available.

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