

Overview

Irrawang High School's purpose is to nurture and educate its students to build successful futures, focused on continual growth to reach their full potential as responsible citizens.

Irrawang High School is committed to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour and to supporting all students to be engaged in their learning.

Our goal is to inspire every child to participate positively in society. We focus on promoting excellence, opportunity and success for every student, every day. We value and strive to develop safe, respectful learners in a caring learning community.

The principles of positive behaviour support, trauma-informed practice, inclusive practice, and social emotional learning underpin our daily practice. High expectations for student behaviour are established and maintained through effective role modelling, explicit teaching, and planned responses.

Our processes are founded on the idea that students must learn to take responsibility for their own actions and to ensure all staff respond to these challenges consistently to support students to acknowledge harm and learn from their behaviour.

The success of the school is built upon our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best and these are central to our approach to teaching, learning and leadership.

To achieve our mission, key approaches and programs prioritised and valued by the school community are:

- Irrawang High School Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Port Stephens Community Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Restorative Practice
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Inclusive Education Practices
- Every Student is Known, Valued and Cared For

These programs prioritise social and emotional learning which supports good mental health, positive relationships and supports prevention of bullying.

Restorative practice is a whole school teaching and learning approach that encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing occur.

Irrawang High School is committed to understanding the needs of each student at an individual level to support all students in achieving their personal best.

Partnership with parents and carers

Students experience optimal success at school when parents and carers work cooperatively with school staff to consistently commit to positive behaviour, engagement and attendance at school.

Irrawang High School invites collaboration with parents through:

- Seeking feedback through Tell Them From Me Surveys or school based surveys from students and families;
- Seeking feedback and support from Irrawang High School Parent Advisor Group once a term;
- Seeking feedback and support from Youyoong Aboriginal Education Consultative Group once a term;
- Using concerns raised through complaints procedures to review school systems, data and practices.

Irrawang High School will communicate these expectations to parents/carers through the school newsletter, website and provide links to information and resources in the <u>Behaviour support toolkit</u>.

Parents wishing to make contact with the school can find the appropriate person to contact by referring to our Communication Pathways.

School Staff will communicate with parents via the methods outlined below and parents and carers are invited to make contact with the school via:

- Phone call on (02) 4987 2403
- Respond to attendance text messages directly via text message
- Email irrawang-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Connect with us on facebook
- Check out our school website Home Irrawang High School
- Make an appointment and visit our office at 80 Mount Hall Road Raymond Terrace NSW 2324

School-wide expectations and rules

Irrawang High School has the following school-wide expectations and rules:

Everyone, everywhere, every time shows Respect:

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Listen and speak politely	Be prepared	Wear school uniform
Act safely	Right place right time	Actively participate
Look after our school	Make good decisions	Deliver quality work

Faculty Expectations and rules

Irrawang High School faculties have explicitly outlined the positive behaviour for learning expectations for their area of the school

English

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang	
Positive class discussions	Checking Microsoft Teams	Submit drafts for feedback	
Supportive expression of creativity	Looking after novels and texts	Meet assessment task due dates	
Take care of our little libraries	Being prepared for learning	Take care with our classwork	

Mathematics

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Help others and value their input	Bring booklets, pens and calculators to every lesson	Listen and contribute to class discussions
Respect the learning going on around you	Be on time and complete starter when you enter the room	A positive attitude makes a difference
Look after our calculators and laptops	Complete all work and glue it in your book	Have a go and show all working out

Science

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Behave safely	Wear correct personal protective equipment	Actively participate in lessons and experiments
Care for laboratory equipment	Follow all instructions	Work as a team
Respect your peers	Clean up the lab at the end of the lesson	Have a go

HSIE

Respect:	Responsibility:	Personal Best:
Ngarrabu Marrung	Gaga Marrung	Barraba Marrung Gang
Have an open mind and an appreciation of difference and diversity	Participate as informed citizens in the contemporary world	Develop skills to actively participate and contribute positively to society

PDHPE

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Encourage participation	Two lines and wait	Learn new skills
Act safely	Pack up and away	Consistent effort

Look ofter our equipment	Wear appropriate elething	
Look after our equipment	Wear appropriate clothing	Have a go

CAPA

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Value creative product	Nurture resources, place and space	Work collaboratively
Support your peers	Consistent commitment	Actively participate
Celebrate your achievements		Present with pride

TAS

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Personal Best: Gaga Marrung Barraba Marrung G	
Active listening	Act safely – wear personal protective equipment	Complete all tasks to the best of your ability
Respect resources and use sustainably	Follow instructions	Actively participate
Respect your workspace and those around you	Use tools and equipment appropriately	Deliver quality work

Support

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Safe hands and feet	Right place, right time	Do your best
Use kind words	Make good choices	Actively participate
Care for your space	Encourage positivity	Be proud of yourself

Library

Respect: Ngarrabu Marrung	Responsibility: Gaga Marrung	Personal Best: Barraba Marrung Gang
Keep it clear, food free space	Keep calm – it's a library	Use your time productively
Quiet time	Walk – go slow	Need help? See the Learning Support Team
Care for equipment and resources	Right place right time	

Behaviour Code for Students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

The Behaviour Code for Students can be found at <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policyprocedures/pd-2006-0316/pd-2006-0316-01</u>. This document translated into multiple languages is available here: <u>Behaviour code for students</u>.

Whole school approach across the care continuum

The school supports positive behaviour through the following strategies and programs. The department's endorsed evidence-based approaches that support behaviour include Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), trauma-informed practices, and the principals of inclusive practice.

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
Prevention	PBL Universal Strategies	 Behaviour Consistency Guide/Faculty PBL 	All staff
		 Data analysis – minor negative incidents 	
		 Teaching and Learning Matrix 	
		 Focused Professional Learning 	
		 Attendance Rewards 	
		• Breakfast Club	
		• Parent Contact	
		 Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Engagement Team 	
		 Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre 	
		• Clontarf	
Early	PBL Tier 2	• Behaviour Support Plans	Head
intervention		 Learning and Support Team 	Teachers
		• Head Teacher Attendance	
		• Home School Liaison Officer	
		Student Support Officer	
		• Deputy Principal Check in / Check Out	
		 Year Advisor Check and Connect 	
		 Mentor Check and Connect 	
		• Data analysis – Major/Minor Incidents	
		 Functional Behaviour Assessment 	
		 School counsellor Referral 	
		 Disability Confirmation 	
		 Counselling/Outside Referral 	
		 Parent Meeting 	
		 Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre 	

Care Continuum	Strategy or Program	Details	Audience
		Head Teacher Reflection Lesson	
Targeted intervention	PBL Tier 3	 Delivery support Learning and Wellbeing Officer Assistant Principal Learning and Support Targeted Professional Learning Learning and Support Teacher referral Complex Case Conference Individual Learning and Support Meeting External Agency Support Support Provisions (Access Request): Integration Funding Support Support Class Placement Distance Education 	Principal/ Deputy Principals
Individual intervention	PBL Tier 3+	 Delivery Support Team Risk Assessment External Agency Partnerships External wellbeing support External mental health support External legal support 	Principal/ Deputy Principals

Planned responses to positive appropriate behaviour, inappropriate behaviour and behaviours of concern, including bullying and cyber-bullying

Prevention Responses to recognise and reinforce positive, inclusive and safe behaviour	Early Intervention Responses to minor inappropriate behaviour	Targeted/Individualised Responses to behaviours of concern
Student assemblies and PBL lessons group education	Drop in with SSO	Youth Clinic
Whole school celebration days	SLSOs	My Strengths
Food Bank Australia	Food Bank Australia	Food Bank Australia
Lunch Packs & Food Provision	Lunch Packs & Food Provision	Lunch Packs & Food Provision
Rock and Water	Impact Academy – On Her Game	Perfect Prescence
Love Bites	Study Without Stress - SSO	Top Blokes

Junior Love Bites	The Resilience Doughnut - SSP	Salvation Army
Independent Drug Education	The Resilience Project - SSO	Dress for Success
Brainstorm Productions	Cool Kids	Fit 4 Life
Defence Mentor Programs	Head Start	I-RESPECT
Clontarf	Just Like Me	SHINE
Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre	School Chaplain	RAGE
Ngarralbaa Support		Seasons for Growth
Wellbeing Scope and Sequence		Head Teacher Wellbeing
Peer Support		School Counselling Team
Year Camps		
Extra-Curricular Activities		
Snack 'n' Study		
Breakfast Club		
Head Teacher Wellbeing		
Whole School Merit System		
School Liaison Police Presentations		

Responses to serious behaviours of concern

- The process the school will take to respond to serious behaviours of concern:
 - All staff witnesses are to make a record of the behaviour observed in sentral;
 - A referral is to be made by the teacher to the head teacher who may then refer the matter on to the deputy principal;
 - All student witnesses are to make a statement on the Irrawang High School Incident Report Form;
 - The deputy principal collates all statements and generates a formal disciplinary meeting if appropriate;
 - The deputy principal conducts a formal disciplinary meeting with the student, who is offered a support person, during which the student is provided with explicit details of the alleged behaviour and asked to make a response;
 - The deputy principal discusses the steps taken with the principal and the principal reviews the documented evidence and records a disciplinary decision to be actioned by the deputy principal
 - If a suspension is enacted, the student and their parent or carer will meet with the deputy principal and appropriate learning and support staff to resolve the suspension
- The NSW Department of Education <u>Student Behaviour policy</u> and <u>Suspension and Expulsion</u> <u>procedures</u> apply to all NSW public schools.
- Responses to all behaviours of concern apply to student behaviour that occurs:
 - at school
 - on the way to and from school
 - on school-endorsed activities that are off-site
 - outside school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and students' conduct

• when using social media, mobile devices and/or other technology involving another student or staff member.

Reporting and recording behaviours of concern

Staff will comply with reporting and responding processes outlined in the:

- Incident Notification and Response Policy
- Incident Notification and Response Procedures
- Student Behaviour policy and Suspension and Expulsion procedures

Detention, reflection and restorative practices

Strategy	When and how long?	Who coordinates?	How are these recorded?
Restorative Conversation	10 minutes max	Classroom teachers	Sentral
Restorative Conversation	10 minutes max	Head Teachers	Sentral
Formal Caution	50 days	Deputy Principals in Consultation with Principal	Sentral
Suspension	1 to 10 days	Deputy Principals in Consultation with Principal	Sentral
Planning: • Risk Management Plan • Student Behaviour Support Plan	Ongoing	Principal Deputy Principal LASTs	Sentral plans

Mobile Phone Use

Student phone, smart watch or headphones connected to a phone or used as a phone is seen by a member of staff:

First time –

- Teacher to talk to the student about their device being out and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal
- Sentral entry outlining the device misuse and describing the incident that has occurred
- Deputy Principal Action: a Suspension Caution

Second Time –

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- Teacher to talk to the student about their device being out and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal
- Sentral entry outlining the device misuse and describing the incident that has occurred
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: a Suspension for misuse of technology
- Refusal to Comply with Request around a phone, smart watch or headphones connected to a phone

Out of Class Without a Pass – Truancy

- First time –
- Teacher to talk to the student about why they are out of class and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal
- Sentral entry describing the incident that has occurred
- Deputy Principal Action: a Suspension Caution
- Second Time –
- Teacher to talk to the student about why they are out of class and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal
- Sentral entry by the teacher describing the incident that has occurred
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: a Suspension for continued or persistent disobedience and disruptive behaviour

Out of Class Passes

All teachers are to provide an out of class pass to students leaving their room for any reason. There should be a general practice of one student leaving at a time. Students are encouraged to use the bathrooms and collect water for their water bottles during break times. Sometimes this is unavoidable.

Refusal to Comply with Request around Truancy

- Teacher to talk to the student about being out of class without a pass and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal
- Sentral entry by the teacher describing the incident that has occurred
- Deputy Principal to collect the student
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: a Suspension for continued or persistent disobedience and disruptive behaviour

Uniform

Students out of uniform are asked to walk to the office to change into a uniform provided by the school.

Students change back into their own clothes at the end of the day if they wish.

Refusal to change into the school uniform.

First time:

- Teacher to talk to the student about being out of uniform and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal.
- Sentral entry by the teacher describing the incident that has occurred.
- Deputy Principal to collect the student.
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: a Suspension Caution for continued or persistent disobedience and disruptive behaviour

Second time:

- Teacher to talk to the student about being out of uniform and ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal.
- Sentral entry by the teacher describing the incident that has occurred.
- Deputy Principal to collect the student.
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: a Suspension for continued or persistent disobedience and disruptive behaviour.

Refusal of Requests from Teachers

In the instance where a student is asked by a member of staff to comply with the school's PBL values by following a request and the student refuses to follow a request:

First Level –

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- Teacher to talk to the student about following a request and hold a restorative conversation.
- Sentral entry outlining the refusal to follow a request.

- Second Level –
- Teacher to talk to the student about following a request and hold a restorative conversation.
- Sentral entry outlining the refusal to follow a request.
- Teacher to refer the matter to the head teacher who will talk to the student about following a request and hold a restorative conversation.
 - Third Level –
- If the student refuses to follow a request from the head teacher, the head teacher will ask them to walk to, or walk with the student to, the Deputy Principal
- Sentral entry outlining the refusal to follow a head teacher's request.
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: a Suspension Caution for refusing to follow a request from a head teacher
 - Fourth Level –

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- If the student refuses to follow a request from a head teacher for a second time, or the student refuses to follow a request from the deputy principal
- Deputy Principal and the Principal Action: Suspension for continued disobedience

General Practice by Teachers

Teachers are to use the PBL Behaviour Consistency Guide and use positive behaviour for learning language and attitude when talking with students.



Procedures for Managing Banter, Conflict, Harassment and Bullying

The following table is for use by staff to assist in decision making around appropriate actions for social conduct by students.

Levels of Inappro	oriate Communication	Action	Record Keeping
Person Making the Comment	Person Receiving the Comment – Interprets the Comment as	Steps for Staff to Take	Recorded in Sentral
Positive banter is: Clever Funny Vitty Enjoyed by both people About a shared experience between two equals Not personal In a private or appropriate setting Friendly Inappropriate Banter: Personalised Sexualised	Positive banter is: Clever Funny Witty About a shared experience between two equals Not personal In a private or appropriate setting Friendly Inappropriate Banter: Personalised Sexualised	Positive banter: Remind students to focus on the work at hand Remind students to be respectful and not disruptive to others Remind students that sometimes banter can become inappropriate Managed by classroom teacher Inappropriate Banter: Student incident reports	Positive banter Not recorded If disruptive, record as a disruption Inappropriate Banter: Recorded as a wellbeing incident
 About someone's appearance Teasing Insulting Upsets someone else Experienced by only one of the two There is a power imbalance In a public or inappropriate setting Unfriendly 	 About someone's appearance Teasing Insulting Upsets someone else Experienced by only one of the two There is a power imbalance In a public or inappropriate setting Unfriendly 	 Restorative conversation - about respect Student reports peer conflict to CRT Managed by classroom teacher 	 Restorative conversation Reminder of PBL values

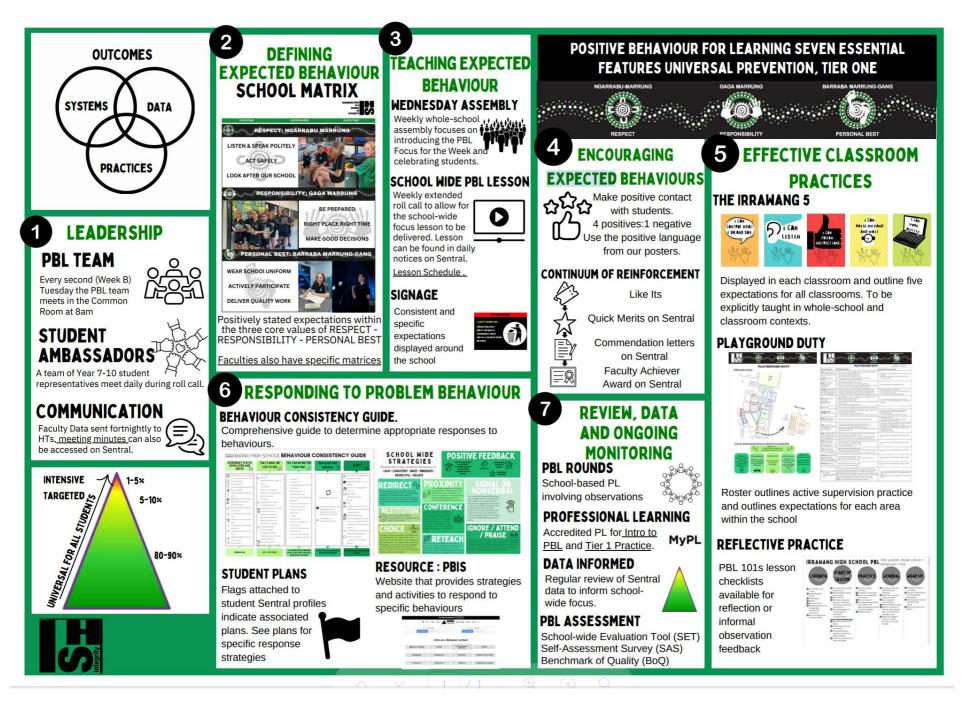
Conflict: Peer difficulty or disagreement between two people reported by student An imbalance of power Inappropriate communication Classroom teacher notices a peer difficulty 	Conflict: Peer difficulty or disagreement between two people reported by student An imbalance of power Inappropriate communication Classroom teacher notices a peer difficulty 	Conflict: Student incident reports Restorative conversation - about respect Student reports peer conflict to CRT Shared concern method Resilience building Managed by a head teacher or trained wellbeing staff	Conflict: Recorded as peer conflict under wellbeing Restorative conversation Reminder of PBL values Group education - Shared concern method Group education - Resilience building
Harassment: Gesture Gesture Name calling Discrimination based on sex, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity Personal description of the features of the other person In person Via electronic means Threat of violence Violence Sexual harassment	 Harassment: Swearing Gesture Name calling Discrimination based on sex, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity Personal description of the features of the other person In person Via electronic means Threat of violence Violence Sexual harassment 	Harassment: Student incident reports Restorative conversation - about respect Student reports peer conflict to CRT Shared concern method Mediation Resilience building Referral to deputy principal for disciplinary action	Harassment: Recorded as minor behaviour of concern Restorative conversation Reminder of PBL values Group education - Shared concern method Group education - Resilience building Managed by the Deputy Principal Suspension Caution Repeated - Suspension
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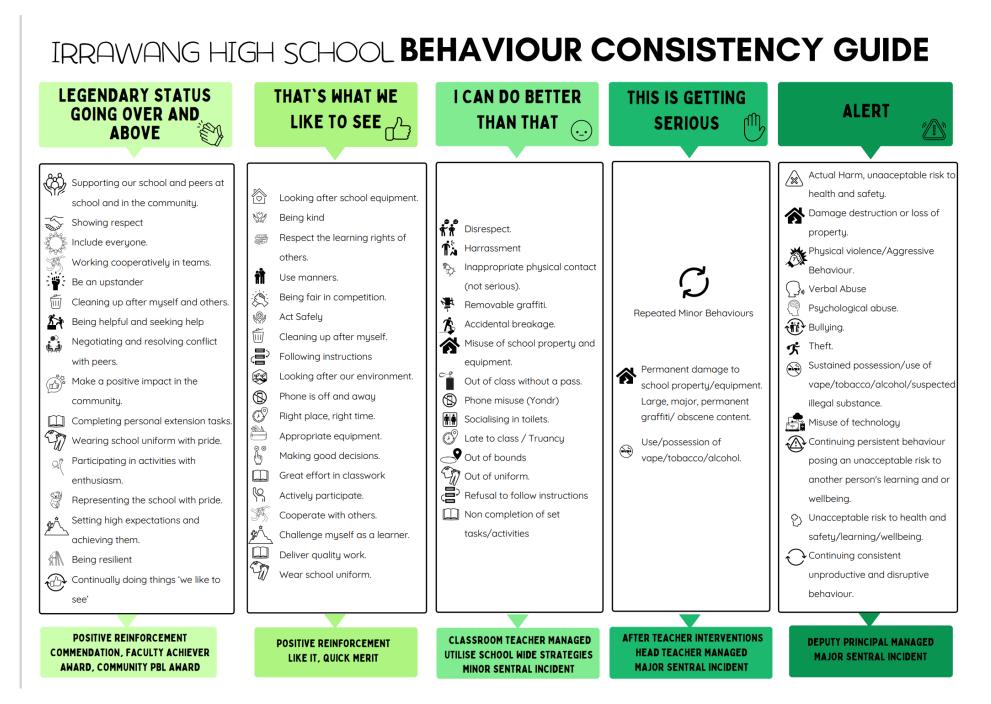
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SCHOOL WIDE STRATEGIES

Responses to ALL students' behaviour is: **CALM - CONSISTENT - BRIEF - IMMEDIATE -RESPECTFUL - PRIVATE**

REDIRECT 1

This strategy employs a very brief, clearly and privately stated verbal reminder of the expected behaviour. A re-direct includes a specific restatement of the school wide or non-classroom behaviour or classroom rule/procedure. A redirect emphasises the 'what' of the behaviour instead of 'why'.

RESTITUTION

Involves having the student compensate for any damage that is a result of their actions.



Providing choice can be used when redirecting or reteaching have not worked. This is the statement of two alternatives - the preferred or desired behaviour or a lesser preferred choice. When options are paired in this way, students will often make the preferred choice. Pause after providing the choice and when the student chooses wisely, provide praise.



This strategic placement/movement by the teacher in order to encourage positive behaviour. The teacher is a source of protection and strangth and helps the student to control their impulses by the teacher's proximity.

CONFERENCE

Lengthier reteaching or problem solving opportunity when behaviour is more frequent or intense. The behaviour of concern is discussed, the desired behaviour is retaught, reasons for the desired behaviour are explored and a plan is made to ensure the behaviour is used in the future.

RETEACH Builds on redirect and reteaches the specific

behaviour or routine. Label the skill, teach, show and give the immediate opportunity for the student to practice demonstrating the skill. Positive feedback should follow a student

SIGNAL OR NONVERBAL

COMMENDATION

LETTERS ON

SENTRAL

QUICK MERITS

ON SENTRAL

Non-verbal techniques include things such as eye contact, hand gestures, a card system, picture cues etc. Such simple cues suggest that the teacher is aware of the student's behaviour and is to prepare to intervene if the behaviour continues. This works best when the teacher has a relationship with the student(s) and the non-verbal cues have already been taught to the group.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

USE LIKE ITS

MAKE POSITIVE CONTACT

WITH STUDENTS.

4 POSITIVES:1 NEGATIVE

USE THE POSITIVE

LANGUAGE FROM OUR

POSTERS.





This technique is based on the power of praise or specific positive feedback. The teacher praises an appropriately behaving student in proximity to the inappropriately behaving student. The praise serves as an indirect prompt for the misbehaving student and reinforcement for the one behaving appropriately.

IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL PBL 101s Lesson Observation / Reflection Tool

O Low wait time in the corridor

CORRIDOR

- Greeting students warmly
- O Phones away
- O Hats off
- O Equipment check
- Rewarding students who are organised and following instructions
- Remind of seating plan (when applicable)



- O Low wait time for subjectspecific starter
- Learning Goal and Social Goal outlined
- O Roll is marked
- Reminder of expected behaviour (phones are off and away, hats are off, hands up, etc.)
- Rewarding students for making a positive start/quality
 - work/participation

INSTRUCTION FOR NEW MATERIAL: All students are forward

- facing
- Prompting students for contributions
- O Model/demonstrate
- exemplary work/outline
- steps to success
- Transition to next activity is clearly articulated



- Classwork reflects instruction
 Completion is achievable
 More work is available for
- More work is available to fast finishers
- OEffort is rewarded
 O Calm, respectful communication
 Same question, the class is stopped and further
 O Behaviour correction is
- instruction is offered Feedback is fluid

- GENERAL
- Routines are clear and expectations are referred to
 Supervision - proximity, sweep, movement
 Calm, respectful communication
- Behaviour-specific praise
 Behaviour correction is specific, brief, respectful and in private. Positive language is used.
- Response to negative behaviour - ignore, provide choice, briefly relocate.



Students have glued in worksheets
 The room is neat and tidy with all equipment packed away
 Brief discussion: Where to next lesson? Big picture.
 Positive conclusion/exit activity.

Review dates

Last review date: 5 February 2025 Next review date: 27 January 2025: Day 1, Term 1, 2026