PROTOCOL: CHILDREN SWEARING AT STAFF

Basic Belief:

Students attending Albert Street Primary School should reflect the positive values and behaviours promoted by the school. All students attending our school should make a commitment to positive behaviour that enables everyone to participate in learning activities without interference or disruption.

Albert Street strives for excellence by promoting an atmosphere based on mutual respect which fosters a creative, safe and caring environment for all. All students and staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect and should be able to undertake teaching / learning without being harassed or abused.

Students who swear at or verbally abuse other students or staff threaten the good order of the school program and will be subject to the sanctions outlined in the school Behaviour Management Policy and the Department of Education and Training Guidelines on Discipline Procedures.

Definitions:

1. **Indirect / Incidental Swearing:**
   - Expletive language used in the presence of another student or staff member but not directed at that person or persons.
   - Eg: turns on heel walks away muttering “This is bull#@%^%!!!”

2. **Verbal Abuse**
   - Expletive language directed at another student or staff member.
   - Eg: “You are a F*&^@^j Idiot!” or “I don’t have to f&%&g do what you say!!” “Get f&**%d!!!!!” etc

Guidelines:

1. The Student Behaviour Management, Student Code of Conduct and the DE&T Guidelines for Student Discipline Procedures will form the overriding guidelines for this protocol.

2. Students who engage in indirect swearing in class time are subject to the Behaviour Management procedures in place in that class. These procedures may include a severe clause where the student is sent to another classroom or the office for time out.

3. Students who engage in indirect swearing in the yard are subject to the guidelines set out in the Student Behaviour Management Policy:

   - **Swearing in general is not appropriate at school. If directed at people it will be classed as verbal abuse. Repeated/ongoing swearing in general will be classed as disrespect and will incur detention.**

4. Appropriate consequences for indirect swearing in the yard can include:
- Walk with the yard duty teacher
- Time out seat
- Yard Patrol / picking up rubbish

5. Students who engage in verbal abuse of another student in the classroom are subject to the Behaviour Management procedures in place in that class. The severe clause should be immediately invoked and that student removed from the class for the remainder of the session.

6. A student who has engaged in verbal abuse of another student should make an attempt to restore / resolve the issue prior to being re-admitted to the classroom.

7. A student who engages in verbal abuse of another student in the yard is subject to the Behaviour Management procedures in place for yard behaviour. A detention of two or three lunchtimes will be implemented.

8. A student who has engaged in verbal abuse of another student should make an attempt to restore / resolve the issue prior to being allowed to return to the yard.

9. A student who engages in verbal abuse of any staff member threatens the good order of the school’s program. Such an action will incur immediate suspension from school for the remainder of that day and the following day.

10. The parents of any student who engages in verbal abuse of a staff member will be contacted for an interview to discuss their child’s behaviour and seek a commitment to support the school in the modification of their child’s behaviour. A student may be suspended in accordance with D.E. & T. guidelines.

11. A student who has engaged in verbal abuse of a staff member should make an attempt to resolve / restore relationship with that staff member before being readmitted class.

**Basis of Discretion:**

The Principal, where the health and safety of any student or staff member is seriously jeopardized, may depart from these guidelines as necessary.
# EXCLUSION LIST

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