

## 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.

| Student Counts       | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Full-time Enrolment* | 1617 | 1597 | 1493 | 1379 |

| Disciplinary Absences           | Reporting Period |                |                |                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                 | 2006 Full Year   | 2007 Full Year | 2008 Full Year | 2009 Semester 1 |
| Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days | 189              | 246            | 227            | 94              |
| Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days | 14               | 15             | 12             | 12              |
| Exclusions                      | 5                | 13             | 12             | <5              |
| Cancellations of Enrolment      | <5               | 23             | 14             | 16              |

\* 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.