

Behaviour Code for students participating in activities conducted by The Arts Unit

The Arts Unit is a specialist unit within the NSW Department of Education that provides a unique range of opportunities across all of the performing and visual arts, including dance, drama, music, visual arts and public speaking and debating to the students and teachers in NSW Public Schools. We actively encourage students to participate in learning and to aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning in the arts and literacy.

1. Statement

The Behaviour Code for Students participating in programs, events or activities conducted by The Arts Unit provides a clear statement of expectations of students by NSW Public Schools.

2. Relevance

The Behaviour Code for Students applies to students enrolled in NSW Public Schools, who are selected or nominate to participate in arts-based programs, events or activities in respect to their behaviour whilst participating in such programs, events or activities conducted by or for NSW Public Schools.

The Behaviour Code for Students has been developed as a means of ensuring the safety of ALL students who participate in arts-based programs. Students must comply with the Behaviour Code for Students at all times whilst participating in the arts-based activity. Participation in arts-based activities is not mandatory for students in government schools, and a student who is unwilling to agree to comply with the Behaviour Code for Students will not be approved to participate in the arts-based activity.

3. Definition

‘Student’ means any students enrolled in a NSW public school participating in programs, events or activities coordinated by The Arts Unit.

Behaviour Code for Students in NSW Public Schools

Students participating in programs, events or activities conducted by The Arts Unit will adhere to the Behaviour Code for Students in NSW Public Schools.

Prior to participation in a program, event or activity all students over 18 must sign an agreement acknowledging the Behaviour Code for Students and the student's willingness to comply with them. Students under 18 must have a parent or carer sign an agreement on the student's behalf.

Students need to:

- a) Comply with instructions given by teachers at all times. Attend every day required, unless they are legally excused, be punctual for the program, event or activity and be prepared to strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.
- b) Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when traveling to and from the program, event or activity.
- c) Show respect at all times for program, event or activity coordinators, teachers, other school staff, tutors, and helpers, including following rules specific to the program, event or activity
- d) Cooperate with, and treat other students and adults involved in a learning activity with courtesy and dignity.
- e) Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly.
- f) Maintain a neat appearance, including complying with the requirements of the program, event or activities uniform, dress or costume requirements.
- g) Respect property belonging to themselves, the venue and others.

Note: The department has a duty of care to all students, and provides a safe and secure learning environment for all of its students, including where the student is involved in an approved activity away from his or her school. Student behaviour that affects the safety of others, including but not limited to, any form of violence, harassment, bullying, intimidation or discrimination against anyone, will not be tolerated. Possession of weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco **will not be tolerated**.

Consequences for breaches of the Behaviour Code for Students at a program, event or activity conducted by The Arts Unit

The Leader of The Arts Unit, in consultation with the relevant school principal, may deal with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences which may include exclusion from the program, event or activity.

As a result of a breach of the Behaviour Code for Students, a student may face disciplinary action at his or her school. In cases of serious misbehaviour by a student, including but not limited to violence or possession of illegal drugs, this may result in suspension or expulsion.