Discipline Statement

At Como we aim to:

Create a positive environment where children respect the rights of others.

- The rights of other children to learn.
- The rights of the teachers to teach.

Empower children to own and accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Establish clear guidelines that protect the rights of all individuals, where the procedures, consequences and rewards are clearly defined and known by the school community.

Establish procedures to communicate behaviour management information with the school community.

Maintain a partnership between teachers and parents in the behavior management of Como Primary School students.

Recognise that it is only through the united effort of the school and the home that high expectations for our students can be achieved.

Key:
- SIS-School Information System
- BMP- Behaviour Management Policy

Code of Conduct

The school rules at Como Primary School are based on our Values and Virtues program.

Code of Conduct:

- Consider the safety of others when playing games. Do not throw sticks, stones or objects likely to harm.
- Walk on verandahs and designated walk areas. These are not for running or noisy games.
- Fighting and rough games are not allowed.
- Keep the school in a neat and tidy condition. Eat food only in the designated area.
- Bicycles, skate boards, scooters and the like are not to be ridden on in the school grounds.
- Only enter or remain in a classroom during non-teaching time, when a teacher or Education Assistant is present.
- Always follow the teachers’ instructions.
- No mobile phone usage by students inside school grounds.

Roles and Responsibilities of Staff:

- Teach and model respectful, courteous and honest behaviour.
- Ensure the school environment is kept neat, tidy and secure.
- Establish positive relationships with students and parents.
- Ensure good organisation, planning and reporting on student progress to parents.
- Teach engaging lessons appropriate to the curriculum.
CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

MINOR
1. No wide brimmed hat on your head, no play.
2. Walk on hard surfaces.
3. Keep our grounds and school buildings neat and tidy.
4. Sit in the Under Cover Area to eat. At lunch wait until you are dismissed.
5. Return to class on time.
6. Play sensibly in the correct areas.
7. Care for your environment.
8. For safety reasons, we do not allow riding in school grounds.

MAJOR
9. Fighting, bullying, swearing or teasing are not tolerated.
10. We do not interfere with, damage or steal school or others’ property.
11. We use toilets properly.
12. Students will not go into a classroom without a teacher.
13. We do not throw objects in a situation that may injure others.
14. We do not leave school during the day without permission.
15. Mobile phones cannot be used in the school grounds.

TEACHER ACTION

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR
Recognise and reward appropriate behaviour with positive comments and immediate action.

Children may be issued with a House Point card if displaying a virtue particularly well.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Level One
On the spot correction and encouragement is generally the most suitable action. The duty teacher records verbal warnings for minor breaches of the "Code of Behaviour" in the duty file alongside the child's name.

Level Two
After a second minor breach of the "Code of Behaviour" the student will be given an Orange Form which the student must present to his/her teacher who will reiterate the concern. Note in BMIS.

Level Three
After a third minor breach of the "Code of Behaviour" or a major breach of the "Code of Behaviour" the student will be given a red card and sent to the black bench. The student will give the card to the Deputy Principal and parents will be contacted and suitable detention will be arranged during which students will complete a written reflection. Recorded on SIS.

School rules, Class Rules & Rights and Responsibilities will be clearly displayed in every room. Consistent and achievable standards will be set. A positive working environment will be evident.

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR
Recognise and reward appropriate behaviour with positive comment and action.

Individual class incentives
Whole school incentives — Honour Awards, House Points, Only Our Best Award, Virtues Award, Citizenship Awards.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Level One — Warning
• Intervention without halting the flow of the lesson.
• Praise of children in close proximity.
• Refer to displayed rules.
• Verbal warning stating problem and required behaviour.

Level Two
• Loss of class privilege
• Isolation in Class (Time-out) Children complete White Reflection sheet
• Isolation in buddy classroom Green Reflection sheet and parents contacted. Record on SIS

Level Three
Out of class sanction will apply:
• If behaviour remains unchanged after repeated in-class sanctions.
• In the event of gross insolence
• In the event of wilful disobedience
• If behaviour threatens safety or property

Out of class sanctions include:
• Isolation from all classes - Yellow Form
• In school suspensions - Blue Form
• Suspension
• Child sent to Deputy Principal

ADMINISTRATION OF SANCTIONS

CHILDREN SENT TO THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
1. Sent by the class teacher for out of class sanctions
2. Issued a Red card by duty teacher.
3. Continued Bullying

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
1. Investigate the incident/s for which the child has been sent to the deputy principal.
2. Counsel the child, reiterate the inappropriate behaviour and explain the consequences.
3. A record of the incident and action taken to be placed in the Behaviour Management file and Student Information System.
4. Contact the parent/s of the child and children involved to discuss the inappropriate behaviour.

BULLYING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

It is everyone’s responsibility to prevent it happening. The school has programs established to promote a caring and supportive environment. These educative and positive programs should ensure that bullying and violence are minimised. However, in the event that bullying occurs the school will react firmly and promptly.

Through the Health and Pastoral Care Programs:

Children will all know:
• Bullying is not “OK”. It is about power over others.
• Bullies come in many forms (alone or in groups).
• We can all be bullies or bystanders in given situations.
• Do not ignore bullying - support the victim.
• If you are being bullied tell someone
• REMEMBER: We all fall out with our friends. One quarrel is not bullying. No one has to put up with persistent unkindness— which is bullying.

The school will counsel bullies to establish WHY?

ALL INCIDENTS of bullying should be reported to the school

ACTION ON BULLYING
• All incidents of bullying will be investigated.
• Contact the parent/s of all parties to discuss the bullying situation.
• A discussion with the bully/s and the victim/s present will be the initial approach to dealing with the issue. NO BLAME APPROACH. If the bullying continues, the bully/s will be subjected to sanctions deemed appropriate to the action.

ADMINISTRATION OF SANCTIONS

NEGATIVE SANCTIONS
Deprivation of privileges
Black bench at recess/ lunch time
In-School suspension
Suspension

SEVERE CLAUSE
For behaviour deemed by the Deputy Principal to be severely inappropriate, the child will be sanctioned in a manner appropriate to the behavior.