



Hands Off Policy

Values

After extensive consultation, Maroochydore SHS recognises as its values:

- Learning:** I will make the most of every learning opportunity and allow others to do the same
- Respect:** I will respect myself, all others, the school community, environment and facilities
- Safety:** I will act safely and be accountable for my actions

This policy enables our community to enact these values.

Rationale

To ensure the safety of all students and to respect each other's personal space, Maroochydore State High School observes a 'Hands Off' policy. This includes both consensual and aggressive behaviours amongst students.

Policy Guidelines

It is against Maroochydore State High Schools' Responsible Behaviour Plan for an enrolled student, whilst on the school premises, at a school function, excursion or school camp or in uniform before and after school to:

1. To touch another student in a manner judged inappropriate by staff or student
2. Use any form of physical restraint against other students or staff
3. Engage in inappropriate consensual behaviours.

There will be times when physical contact is necessary as part of normal school operation. These may include:

1. First aid treatment
2. Sporting activities
3. Dance and drama activities
4. Supporting SEU students.

Procedures

Students who are observed or reported inappropriately touching another student will be instructed to stop. If students fail to comply, further consequences may apply including suspension.

The Principal reserves the right to select responsive strategies in accordance with relevant legislation and policies.

Support

Appropriate behaviours are communicated and explicitly taught to students through classroom expectations, Pastoral Care Program and year level parades.