

The Prescott College discipline system operates at three levels. In the course of normal tuition, a teacher has the authority to require a student to report at recess or at lunchtime, if their behaviour or performance so requires. An outline of the discipline component of the College's Behaviour Management Plan is shown below.

## Level One

This includes offences that can be dealt with by a consequence chosen by the teacher or a detention to deter students from similar behaviour such as:

- Incorrect or untidy uniform
- No PE or Sport uniform
- Wearing of jewellery
- Swearing
- Littering
- Chewing gum at any time
- Running in the halls
- Unacceptable language
- Repeated lack of class equipment
- Eating in carpeted areas
- Failure to report to a teacher when requested
- Lateness to class
- Unchecked Ediaries

Staff are supplied with an Infringement/Detention pad. Minor breaches constitute an "infringement" while more serious breaches constitute a "detention". Students will be informed that they have received an Infringement/Detention and be supplied with their half of the slip. The slips will be handed into the Front Office for recording, an email sent to students and the detention served at lunchtime of the designated day. **It is every student's responsibility to check their emails to determine whether they have received detention.**

Students will be required to quietly write an assigned task for 30 minutes or until the supervising teacher is satisfied with the amount of work completed. Students will be able to leave when their task is completed. Detention takes precedence over all other appointments except Yard Duty.

The detention count reverts to zero at the beginning of each semester.

Three detentions are followed by a fourth which is served after school on Tuesday from 3:40 pm until 4:40 pm. Any student who fails to report will

spend the following day in the Focus Room. This cycle will be repeated with parents/guardians being notified of the afternoon detentions.

After accumulating eight detentions, the student's name is transferred to the Discipline committee for consideration.

This may entail a movement to level two or further level one corrective practices such as a card system that will identify and monitor the problem. At the accumulation of 12 detentions, parents will need to meet with the Administration, and a student may be suspended for up to three days depending on the nature of the offences. Any detentions following a suspension will automatically become an afternoon detention.

Each semester, students start afresh with the detention count. However, those students who have accumulated a large number of detentions in semester one and seem to be quickly falling into the same poor routine, will find that their fifth and following detentions will be afternoon detentions.

## **Level Two**

This includes behaviour of a more serious nature that will likely result in time in the Focus Room, suspension, or a referral to the Discipline Committee for possible further action.

- Persistent misbehavior
- Deliberate defiance of a staff member
- Undermining the religious ideals and standards of the SDA church
- Repeated disruptive classroom behaviour
- Tampering with school fire equipment, alarms or PA
- Possession or inappropriate use of matches, lighters, etc;
- Minor vandalism of school property
- Petty theft
- Bullying including cyber-bullying
- Physical attack
- Cheating

## **Level Three**

This includes behaviour that will likely result in a suspension from College with a recommendation by the College Discipline Committee to the College Council for expulsion.

- Using, possessing or distributing, alcohol, narcotics or drugs
- Major theft

- Improper sexual conduct
- Assault
- Possession or inappropriate use of any weapon or substance (e.g. firearms, knives)
- Harassment either using or not using cyber or electronic technology of any kind i.e. sexual, physical, verbal or racial abuse
- Major vandalism/graffiti
- Using profane or indecent language, possessing or displaying obscene or pornographic literature, images or articles
- Wilful damage of school property
- Tampering with school fire equipment or alarm system
- Undermining the school's religious ideals and standards
- Any risk behaviour, including conspiracy to perform or participate in initiations or any other act that may injure, degrade or disgrace a fellow student, or reflect poorly on the reputation of the school.

Level 2 and level 3 offences will be recorded and documented either physically and/or electronically. Parents will be notified each time an offence is recorded.