



# Marsden High School Hands Off Policy

## Rationale

Feeling physically safe and being in good physical health contributes to wellbeing. Environments that provide for safety, and support good health, optimise learning experiences. (From The Wellbeing Framework for Schools)

As a multi-cultural comprehensive public high school, we have a responsibility to promote peace and harmony within our school community. All members of the Marsden High School community realise the importance of respecting the rights of others. This policy is to promote an atmosphere and general conduct which discourages/limits the opportunities for Bullying and Harassment and promotes student/staff safety and security.

## Guidelines

1. No student is to touch another student in a manner judged inappropriate by staff.
2. No student is to use any form of physical violence against other students, even in “fun” or as a “practical joke”.
3. Bullying or any other kind of stand-over tactics will not be tolerated.
4. These principles and/or guidelines will be espoused by the Principal and other school leaders and staff at school assemblies, in the classroom and around the school.
5. During rollcall, teachers will remind students of Hands-Off Policy.
6. School leaders and senior students are to model these guidelines at all times.
7. School leaders should be involved in reinforcing this policy in their dealings with other students at school, sporting venues and on buses to and from school.
8. Students who are observed inappropriately touching another student will be instructed to stop. If he or she does not, he or she is to be referred to the Deputy Principal who will take action to modify the inappropriate behaviour. This may include issuing an afternoon detention.

## Basis of Discretion

The Principal may use his discretionary powers in dealing with students who offend this policy.

## Supporting Documents

- [The Wellbeing Framework for Schools](#)
- [Bullying: Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools Policy](#)
- [Student Welfare Policy](#)
- [Student Discipline in Government Schools Policy](#)