



**RATIONALE:**

- St. Michael's Church School is a Christian School in the Anglican tradition reflecting the intentions of the St. Michael's Church School Statute.
- The School environment and atmosphere provide the basis for sound relationships that will enable the children to contribute positively to society.
- Our restricted playground places a special emphasis on the best and most sensible use of facilities.
- Children are expected to behave considerately toward others and sensibly for the safety and welfare of the school community.

**PURPOSES:**

- Children who are less inhibited and have poorer self discipline will sometimes exhibit poor social behaviour.
- Teachers need to help children to feel positive about their environment and their contribution to the School community.
- Less inhibited children need to be helped towards more positive social skills and can often contribute well to the smooth running and good care of the environment.

**GUIDELINES:**

- The classroom teacher will be the first resource when incidents of poor behaviour occur.
- The Discipline Structure will be followed.
- All cases of extreme behaviour will be referred to either the Deputy Principal or the Principal, who will act only after consultation with those concerned.

**Suspension:**

- Suspension is an accepted disciplinary procedure, used only in extreme circumstances, when no other form of discipline has achieved a desired change in behaviour.
- The Principal is entitled to suspend a pupil, provided that it is in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Education.
- The Procedures for Suspension will be followed.

**Expulsion:**

**A. Long Term Problems**

- If a student's behaviour continues to be unacceptable over a prolonged period of time, despite usual methods of discipline, then removal from the School may be deemed necessary.
- Since the School has a responsibility to ensure the good of all, an individual student cannot be supported to the on-going detriment of other students.

**B. One Serious Incident**

- If a student has caused concern by one incident, which is considered serious enough to ask the parents to withdraw him/her from the School, advice regarding the placement of the student in another school will be offered, and parents/guardians will be advised as to appropriate counselling/support services available.

- Single Behaviours bringing this action must involve the health and well being, or safety of that student or of other students, or be directly related to the School's code of behaviour with regards to drugs and alcohol use or possession.
- The Principal will suspend the student immediately, and then follow the Procedures for Expulsion of a student.

## **CONCLUSION:**

An Independent School has a responsibility to all its parents and the right to choose its students, while keeping in mind its commitment to the good of the school and all its students.

\* Refer 6:3 Discipline Procedures  
Refer also 6:5 Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion.