

# **DETENTION POLICY**

## **BACKGROUND**

Dominic College explicitly teaches students its expectations of them and the behaviours of these expectations. The College places value on and teaches students the expectations of respect, responsibility, honesty and learning and the College rules reflect these expectations. If students are to maximise their potential, it is essential that they adhere to the school expectations and standards.

The College is committed to a system of affirmation and sanctions to encourage student accountability and the responsibility placed on the individual to reflect the school expectations and community standards of our student code of conduct and behaviour.

## **DEFINITION**

Detention means that a student is detained in a school building, and not allowed to have free time or go home when classes have finished or must come in for extra time on, for example, a Saturday.

Detentions are used as a means to invite students to reflect on poor choices and there is a commitment that they be issued with fairness and consistency for infringements.

## **2. PRINCIPLES**

- i. Students undertake detention at a reasonable time and place.
- ii. Detention will have a set period of time, though the time will vary and students may be assigned to one or more days of detention.
- iii. Detention periods are supervised, and may include periods of quiet reflection, or community service work for the school.
- iv. If a student does not abide by the school's detention rules, more detentions may be added.

## **3. PROCEDURES**

Where students are detained after school to complete school work, or to undertake additional or new work or duties:

- i. Parents are informed at least the day before the detention
- ii. Records of detentions are maintained
- iii. Lack of completion of detentions will require further processes of student management and consequences.

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