

Behaviour Expectations and Disciplinary Actions for International Learners

This policy outlines how Ruawai College meets the requirements of Code Outcome 15, clauses 63–64; and Outcome 18, clauses 72.a-b.

International learners are expected to abide by the laws of New Zealand and follow the school rules.

We inform learners about the behaviour expectations at our school as part of our **orientation** processes. Staff are also made aware of any special requirements for international learners. All school staff know to contact the school's **international learner support** when concerned about an international learner's behaviour.

The Code requires schools to respond fairly and effectively to instances of inappropriate behaviour involving international learners. Staff and learners are made familiar with **behaviour management** policies and these are implemented effectively.

As international learners are not covered by the sections of the Education and Training Act 2020 which relate to disciplinary action, the school's **international enrolment** contract outlines the school's conditions of enrolment, and what the school's processes are for discipline and contract termination. The Code requires that enrolment contracts be fair and reasonable and that any disciplinary action or contract termination undertaken by a school must follow the principles of **natural justice**.

Our school follows the same behaviour management and disciplinary procedures for international learners as for domestic students. Any additional or different conditions for international learners (such as around accommodation, attendance, or visa requirements) are outlined in the enrolment contract.

Related policies

- **Behaviour Management**
- **Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion Procedures**
- **International Enrolment**
- **International Orientation**
- **International Safety and Wellbeing**
- **Managing Withdrawal and Closure**