

WELFARE POLICY

AIPAH seeks to provide a safe and supportive environment which

- Minimises risk of harm and ensures students feel secure
- Supports the physical, social, academic, spiritual and emotional development of students
- Provides student welfare policies and programs that develop a sense of self-worth and foster personal development
- Develops in students the resilience and self belief to apply their creativity to all aspects of their endeavour
- Promotes a willingness to trust in the collaborative creative process
- Values diversity in creative and cultural expression

Students are expected to conduct themselves with a sense of pride, self-discipline and a strong commitment to AIPAH in all areas of their academic and performance work.

School Rules

Use Courtesy, Consideration and Commonsense

Students are required to abide by the school rules and to follow the directions of teachers and other people delegated with authority by the school.

Respect other people and property

- Follow the directions of teachers and other personnel in positions of authority.
- Be polite, considerate and respectful towards one another, members of the staff and members of the community.
- Offensive language and actions, swearing and smoking are not welcome at any time.
- No physical or verbal harassment.
- Consider your audience at all times and take responsibility for your performance

Value learning

- Maintain a classroom environment that helps everyone learn.
- Be at school on time and attend class as per the timetable.
- Move quickly and quietly to class after breaks and between classes.
- Complete homework as required.

Respect our school environment

- Maintain the cleanliness of the school.
- Eat or drink away from buildings, classrooms, and performance spaces.
- Treat emergency drills and false alarms evacuations with respect and seriousness.

Act responsibly

- An "out of class" pass must be obtained from teachers to be out of class.

- Stay in bounds and follow the rules of the area you are in.
- Consider the safety of yourself and others at all times.
- Safeguard your own property. Be responsible for the care of your bag.
- Use toilets sensibly and avoid entering buildings without permission during breaks.
- The following items are not permitted at school: Handheld computer games, Permanent markers, liquid paper, Chewing gum, Cigarettes, tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs in any form or any item of substance abuse, Aerosol sprays including perfumes and deodorants, any potentially dangerous items, Scooters, skateboards, skates or other small mobility devices
- No jewellery is to be worn while on school premises except watches, signet or flat rings, small sleepers or studs
- Mobile phones must be switched off at all times and to be left in a locker
- CD players, Walkmans and all electronic recording or playback devices can only be used with the express permission of a teacher

Maintain our school's good reputation

- Dress neatly in the school uniform and do not wear make-up without permission.
- Do not swear, behave aggressively, sing loudly or 'show off' in public.
- Follow standard safety procedures and train, bus and road safety rules going to and from school.
- Do not overtly display wealth, make-up and avoid travelling alone

Rehearse as you intend to Perform

- Rehearsals are to be treated with respect
- Avoid "it will be right on the night" attitude
- A commitment to the ensemble is reflected in excellent attendance and thorough preparation between rehearsals.

Unacceptable and Inappropriate Behaviour

School Detention

School detention takes place every Friday afternoon from 3pm to 5:30pm. When a student is issued a detention slip, this amounts to a 15 minute detention. Students may receive a detention at a teacher's discretion for disobeying school rules, failure to complete class and home work, inappropriate use of language, lateness to class and inappropriate and disruptive behaviour.

Any detentions issued on a Friday will be served the following week, so that parents have a chance to countersign the slip and will therefore know their son/daughter's expected leaving time following their detention.

If a student is unable to attend their detention for any reason, arrangement to reschedule this may be made by the parent directly to the welfare/discipline coordinator, through AIPAH's reception. This may be done via email to admin@aipah.nsw.edu.au or a phone call through to reception on 9637 0777, prior to Friday afternoon.

Suspension

Serious disciplinary issues or constant offenders will be dealt with by executive staff in consultation with parents/guardians. When a student continues to express inappropriate behaviour or receives a total of 8 detention slips, a parent meeting is scheduled and suspension is put into place.

Bullying Repeatedly

Bullying repeatedly and/or consciously hurting another individual or group or making them feel uncomfortable is unacceptable behaviour. Rough games which place students at risk of injury are forbidden.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on the school premises or at any school function. Furthermore, if a student is caught smoking they will be dealt with severely by the principal.

Drugs

The possession or use of prohibited drugs or any dealing in such drugs is forbidden. The AIPAH Principal has the right to search the locker, bag or person of any student bringing suspicion upon him or her self. Offenders will be dealt with severely by the Principal.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not to be consumed on the school premises or at school camps or excursions.

Disallowed items

Chewing gum is banned from AIPAH as well as dangerous items such as knives, water guns etc. These items cause a risk to others as well as damage property.