

# Kirwan State High School Detention Policy

Detention is given to students in accordance with Kirwan SHS Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students and within the parameters outlined in the [Safe, supportive and disciplined school environment](#) procedure as a disciplinary option used to address inappropriate student behaviour.

The Executive Principal has the flexibility and autonomy to apply detention as a meaningful consequence for inappropriate student behaviour and as an alternative to suspension or exclusion.

At Kirwan SHS detentions can be applied:

- during school hours
- after-school hours on a school day or
- on a Saturday morning

At Kirwan SHS teachers have been authorised by the Executive Principal to implement detentions both during school hours and after-school hours on a school day. Saturday morning detentions may be issued by the Executive Principal, the Principals, Deputy Principals or Heads of Department.

## Detentions during School Hours

Detentions during school hours will be issued during a lunch break. Students are required to report to the teacher implementing the detention for a maximum of 20 minutes duration (provision made for food and toilet breaks during the remaining time at lunch). During the detention, students will be fully supervised and will be required to complete teacher set tasks.

## Detentions After- school Hours

Detentions after-school hours will be issued on a week day for a maximum of 30 minutes duration from 3.15- 3.45pm. During the detention, students will be fully supervised and will be required to complete teacher set tasks.

## Saturday Morning Detentions

Saturday morning detentions will be issued for 2 hours duration from 9.30am to 11.00am. Students are required to be in attendance at the Administration Block in full school uniform and with their school equipment. Students will be supervised by the Executive Principal, Principals, Deputy Principals or Heads of Department.

Saturday morning detentions provide an alternative to being suspended from school. Should a student fail to attend a Saturday morning detention, a further consequence for the original behaviour will be applied which may be a long term suspension.

## Protocols for After-hours Detentions and Saturday morning Detentions

If the detention is to be undertaken outside of school hours, including Saturday the following procedures will apply:

- a risk assessment will be completed and a risk management plan developed
- parents will be notified of the proposed detention at least 24 hours before the detention is scheduled to occur and have given consent
- Parents will be consulted about suitable times for the detention to be completed within the parameters set by Kirwan SHS
- Parents will be informed of:
  - location, times and duration of the detention
  - their responsibility to arrange travel/ supervision to and from the detention, where appropriate

After- hours and Saturday morning detentions will be recorded in OneSchool (keeping records in OneSchool enables them to be used as evidence in the future)

Endorsed by: \_\_\_\_\_ P&C President \_\_\_\_\_ School Council Chair