



PEGASUS SCHOOLS CELEBRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR STATEMENT

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Pegasus Schools is an achievement focused institution. As such our students are offered and encouraged to participate in many different competitions and take advantage of a variety of opportunities to find success. This statement states the school's commitment to building the confidence of all students by celebrating their strengths and individual achievement. This statement is for the attention of all staff, parents and students.

Code of Behaviour

All Pegasus Schools students agree to abide by the rules contained in the Code of Conduct for Primary and Highschool and further:

- Act with courtesy, consideration and respect to all.
- Co-operate to enable effective teaching and learning to take place.
- Behave responsibly in such a way as to ensure the health and safety of people and property at Pegasus.
- Take pride in our appearance and in our school environment.

Daily Recognition and the Rewards System.

In order to keep a balanced record of every student's behaviour within the school, Teachers are asked to record what they perceive to be commendable and positive behaviour. These records will be used for the presentation of awards.

It will also be used by class teachers when commenting on their students during the writing of reports to parents.

The school aims to encourage students to reach the highest standard of which they are capable of. The school recognises that:

- Praising students' efforts and successes has a strong motivational effect. Motivated students are unlikely to present behavioural problems.
- The praise must be genuine and well deserved. Indiscriminate praise rapidly becomes devalued and ultimately worthless.
- The criteria for giving praise especially in the form of merits, commendations, certificates, letters and prizes will be consistently applied.
- Students' achievements in all areas of school life including sport, art, music and extra-curricular activities are equally celebrated.

We reward in order to:

- Encourage an ethos where all types of achievement, whether they be academic, sporting, creative, social, etc are openly recognised and valued by the whole school community, students, staff, and parents alike.
- Help students accept praise in an appropriate manner.
- Encourage self-esteem in individual students.
- Recognise and reward effort as well as achievement.
- Raise the aspirations of all students.
- Provide written evidence of success for inclusion in other documents such as reports.

Praise

All staff at Pegasus are encouraged to give positive commendation and recognition to all deserving as often as possible. Praise can be given through:

- A quiet word or encouraging smile.
- A written comment on students' work, either in general terms, e.g. "well done", or in a more detailed way, picking out specific points or ideas
- A written comment via email, sent from the school, for the form tutor/class teacher and parent to read.
- A public word of praise in front of a group, a year or the whole school.
- Displaying the students' work in the classroom, corridor, reception and hall.
- Public acknowledgement by presentation at an award ceremony or by giving some special responsibility.

- Commendations may be awarded to students for effort, achievement and attendance. It will be normal practice to verbally reward students for good work and behaviour.

Annual Awards

At the annual graduation ceremony, several certificates are handed out to the most successful students, celebrating their achievements and contributions throughout the academic year. These merit certificates recognize various aspects of students' personal and academic growth, highlighting their dedication, integrity, and overall excellence.

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- **Student Council Service:** Recognizing active involvement and leadership within the student council, contributing to the school community's betterment.
- **Displaying Empathy, Respect, Consideration, and Thoughtfulness for Others:** Acknowledging students who consistently demonstrate kindness, empathy, and respect towards their peers and teachers.
- **Displaying Curiosity, Inquisitiveness, and Questioning:** Celebrating students who exhibit a thirst for knowledge, a love for learning, and a willingness to explore new ideas and concepts.
- **Academic Progress:** Recognizing students who have shown significant improvement in their academic performance and dedication to their studies.
- **Independence:** Acknowledging students who demonstrate self-reliance, initiative, and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning and actions.
- **Determination and Effort:** Celebrating students who display resilience, perseverance, and a strong work ethic in overcoming challenges and achieving their goals.
- **Sport Achievement:** Recognizing excellence in sportsmanship, teamwork, and athletic achievement, both within the school and in external competitions.
- **Open-Mindedness:** Acknowledging students who embrace diverse perspectives, demonstrate cultural awareness, and show a willingness to explore new ideas and experiences.
- **Creativity:** Celebrating students who demonstrate originality, innovation, and imagination in their academic work, artistic endeavours, or extracurricular activities.
- **Resilience:** Recognizing students who exhibit resilience in the face of adversity, demonstrating the ability to bounce back from setbacks and persevere in pursuit of their goals.
- **Contribution to the Class:** Acknowledging students who actively contribute to classroom discussions, collaborate with their peers, and positively influence the learning environment.
- **Displaying Manners:** Celebrating students who consistently display courteous, respectful behaviour towards others, both inside and outside the classroom.
- **Global Citizen Award:** Recognizing students who demonstrate a commitment to global awareness, cultural understanding, and making a positive impact on the world around them through service, advocacy, or activism.

These merit certificates serve as a testament to the students' hard work, dedication, and personal growth throughout their academic journey, inspiring them to continue striving for excellence and making positive contributions to their communities.