

The following tables provide summary statistics relating to behaviour management incidents in South Australian Government schools during Term 2 2010-2014.

Suspension – from school means that the student does not attend school for a period of time ranging from one to five school days.

Exclusion – from a school means that the student does not attend that school for either a set period of time ranging from four to ten weeks OR for the remainder of a term, or for students over 16, the remainder of the semester.

Expulsion – from a single school means that the student who is over the age of compulsion does not attend school for a period of not less than six consecutive months to not more than eighteen consecutive months.

Expulsion – from all DECD schools means that the student who is over the age of compulsion is permanently expelled from attending all DECD schools.

Table 1: Suspensions, exclusions and expulsions, Term 2 2010-2014

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Suspensions					
Number of Students	5,086	4,258	3,866	3,842	3,550
Number of Incidents	6,845	5,607	5,011	5,073	4,651
Exclusions					
Number of Students	338	282	222	261	260
Number of Incidents	339	283	222	263	261
Expulsions					
Number of Students	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Incidents	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2: Percentage of population suspended and excluded, Term 2 2010-2014

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Suspensions	3.01%	2.54%	2.31%	2.28%	2.13%
Exclusions	0.20%	0.17%	0.13%	0.16%	0.16%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Table 3: Frequency of students suspended, Term 2 2010-2014

Number of times suspended	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1	3,780	3,246	3,000	2,915	2,752
2	957	765	646	688	581
3	266	184	177	188	154
4	71	45	32	40	49
5+	12	18	11	11	14
Total	5,086	4,258	3,866	3,842	3,550

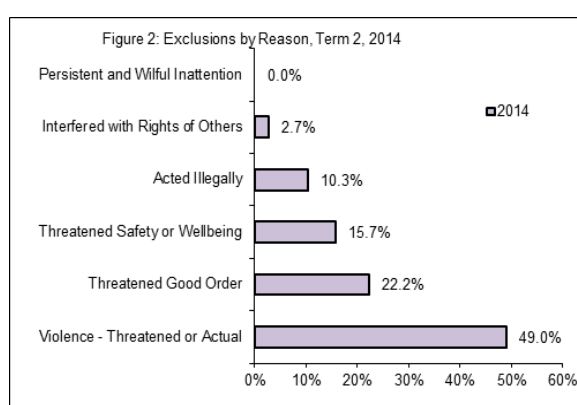
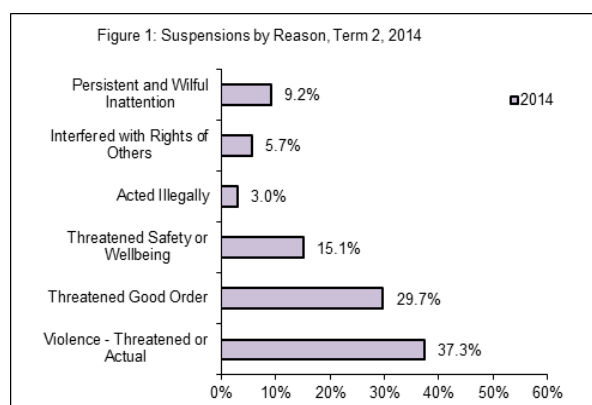


Table 4: Number of students suspended by Age*, Term 2 2014

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total	%
4-6 years	168	29	197	5.5%
7-9 years	536	87	623	17.3%
10-12 years	705	161	866	24.0%
13-16 years	1,269	492	1,761	48.8%
>16 years	128	32	160	4.4%
Total	2,806	801	3,607	100%

*Note: Age of student is calculated at the time of the incident, and students with multiple incidents may be reported in two age groups if their date of birth falls in Term 2.

Table 5: Reasons for suspensions (incidents)*, Term 2 2014

	Number	%
Violence - Threatened or Actual	1,736	37.3%
Threatened Good Order	1,383	29.7%
Threatened Safety or Wellbeing	702	15.1%
Acted Illegally**	139	3.0%
Interfered with Rights of Others	263	5.7%
Persistent and Wilful Inattention	428	9.2%
Total	4,651	100%

Note: Percentages do not sum to 100% due to rounding.

*Note: Suspensions by reasons are only reported at the incident level (not student) due to significant double counting with some students being suspended several times for different incidents.

**Acted illegally is used for students over the age of ten when a principal believes that the student has committed an offence against the law and the police are involved.

Source for all tables and figures: DECD Term 3 School Enrolment Census 2010-2014