

Behaviour Management 2017

The following tables provide summary statistics relating to behaviour management incidents in South Australian Government schools during Term 2 2013-2017.

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 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Suspensions					
Number of Students	3,842	3,550	3,855	3,773	3,907
Number of Incidents	5,073	4,651	5,141	5,025	5,295
Exclusions					
Number of Students	261	260	257	236	287
Number of Incidents	263	261	258	236	294
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 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Suspensions	2.28%	2.13%	2.28%	2.20%	2.26%
Exclusions	0.16%	0.16%	0.15%	0.14%	0.17%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Table 3: Frequency of students suspended, Term 2 2013-2017

Number of times suspended	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	2,915	2,752	2,914	2,848	2,928
2	688	581	682	670	690
3	188	154	194	194	211
4	40	49	50	51	50
5+	11	14	15	10	28
Total	3,842	3,550	3,855	3,773	3,907

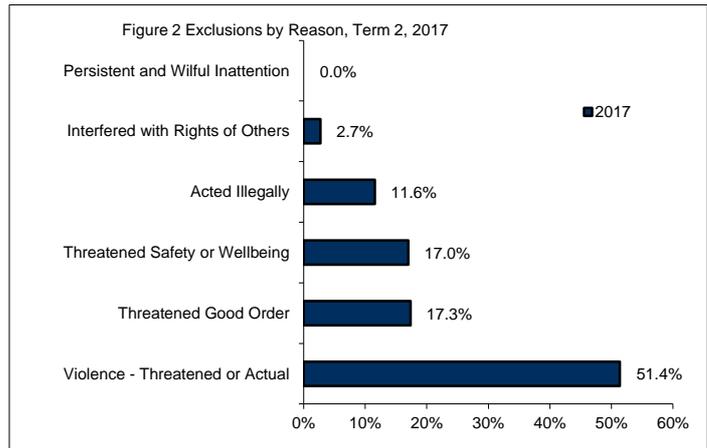
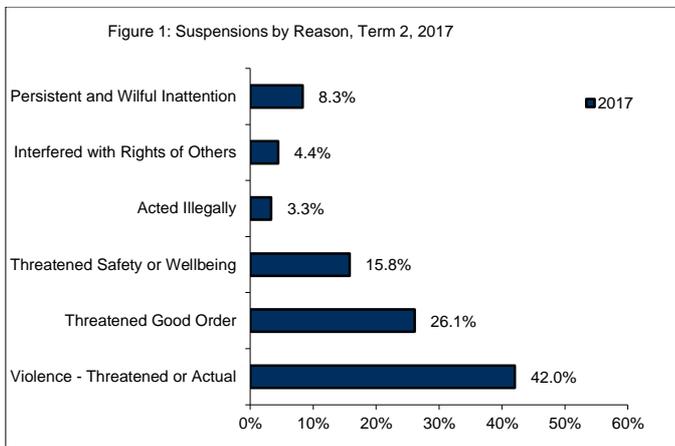


Table 4: Number of students suspended by Age*, Term 2 2017

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total	%
4-6 years	186	28	214	5.3%
7-9 years	682	109	791	19.6%
10-12 years	877	202	1,079	26.7%
13-16 years	1,308	474	1,782	44.1%
>16 years	133	39	172	4.3%
Total	3,186	852	4,038	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 2017

	Number	%
Violence - Threatened or Actual	2,226	42.0%
Threatened Good Order	1,382	26.1%
Threatened Safety or Wellbeing	836	15.8%
Acted Illegally**	176	3.3%
Interfered with Rights of Others	234	4.4%
Persistent and Wilful Inattention	441	8.3%
Total	5,295	100%

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

* 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 2013-2017