

Behaviour Management 2016

The following tables provide summary statistics relating to behaviour management incidents in South Australian Government schools during Term 2 2012-2016.

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 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Suspensions					
Number of Students	3,866	3,842	3,550	3,855	3,773
Number of Incidents	5,011	5,073	4,651	5,141	5,025
Exclusions					
Number of Students	222	261	260	257	236
Number of Incidents	222	263	261	258	236
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 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Suspensions	2.31%	2.28%	2.13%	2.28%	2.20%
Exclusions	0.13%	0.16%	0.16%	0.15%	0.14%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Table 3: Frequency of students suspended, Term 2 2012-2016

Number of times suspended	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	3,000	2,915	2,752	2,914	2,848
2	646	688	581	682	670
3	177	188	154	194	194
4	32	40	49	50	51
5+	11	11	14	15	10
Total	3,866	3,842	3,550	3,855	3,773

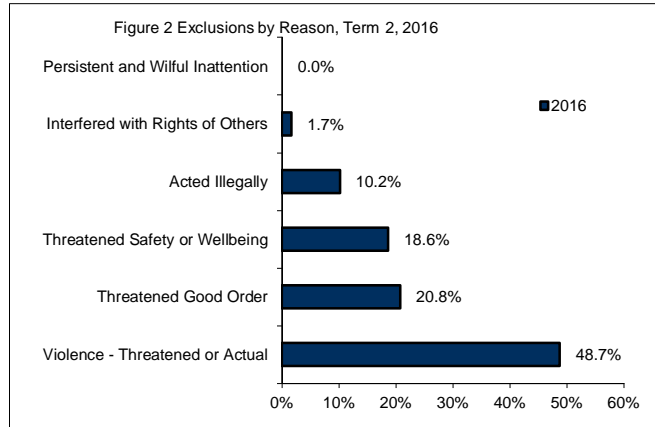
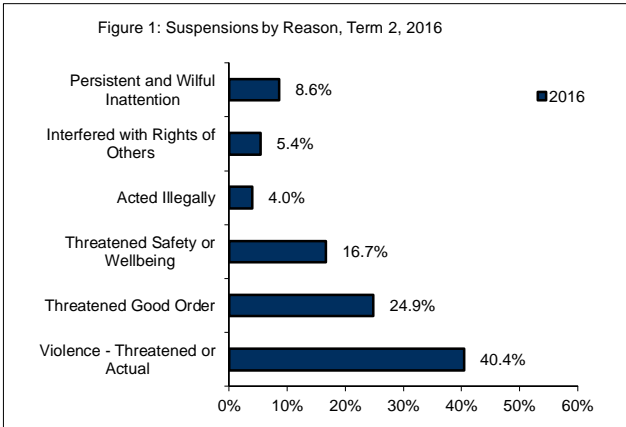


Table 4: Number of students suspended by Age*, Term 2 2016

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total	%
4-6 years	158	31	189	4.9%
7-9 years	582	101	683	17.6%
10-12 years	794	190	984	25.4%
13-16 years	1,368	459	1,827	47.1%
>16 years	147	46	193	5.0%
Total	3,049	827	3,876	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 2016

	Number	%
Violence - Threatened or Actual	2,032	40.4%
Threatened Good Order	1249	24.9%
Threatened Safety or Wellbeing	839	16.7%
Acted Illegally**	200	4.0%
Interfered with Rights of Others	273	5.4%
Persistent and Wilful Inattention	432	8.6%
Total	5,025	100%

Note: Percentages do 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 2012-2016