



Suspension and Expulsions 2012

Long suspensions 2012 (Long Suspensions are up to 20 school days)

Total long suspensions 2012: 18,186

Total students long suspended 2012: 12,922

Of the total students long suspended, the percentage of these students long suspended:

- once only: = 72.3 %
- more than once: = 27.7%

Average length of long suspension: 11.8 days

Percentage of long suspensions of students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background: 24.4%

Number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students long suspended: 2,974

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students long suspended as a percentage of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander enrolment: 6.3

Long suspensions in year bands

Year	% of Total Long Suspensions	Percentage of student enrolment
K-6	18%	0.8
7-10	74%	6.1
11-12	7%	1.5
All Grades	Rounded to nearest %	2.4

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2012 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

Students receiving long suspensions

Year	Number of students suspended	Percentage of student enrolment
K-6	2,337	0.5
7-10	9,411	4.3
11-12	1,174	1.3
All Grades	12,922	1.7

Legend

V	Physical violence
PM	Persistent misbehaviour
CB	Serious criminal behaviour related to the school
IS	Possession or use of a suspected illegal substance
PW	Use or possession of a prohibited weapon, firearm or knife
UW	Use of an implement as a weapon or threatening to use a weapon

Reasons for long suspensions

	Total	% of total long suspensions
V	7,093	39
PM	8,692	48
CB	988	5
IS	749	4
PW	438	3
UW	226	1
Total	18,186	Rounded to nearest %

Long suspension – regional 2012

Long suspensions in regions

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in regions in 2012 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

Region	Total number of long suspensions
Hunter Central Coast	3797
Illawarra and South East	1860
New England	1055
North Coast	2516
Northern Sydney	485
Riverina	1164
South Western Sydney	2751
Sydney	871
Western NSW	1778
Western Sydney	1909
Total	18186

Number of students receiving long suspensions per region

Region	Number of students suspended	Students suspended as a % of regional enrolment
Hunter Central Coast	2,702	2.5
Illawarra and South East	1,275	1.9
New England	713	3.2
North Coast	1,763	2.7
Northern Sydney	395	0.4
Riverina	765	2.4
South Western Sydney	1,997	1.5
Sydney	660	0.7
Western NSW	1,204	3.2
Western Sydney	1,448	1.4
Total	12,922	1.7

Reasons for suspensions in regions percentage *

Region	V	PM	CB	IS	PW	UW
Hunter Central Coast	40	48	6	3	2	1
Illawarra and South East	35	53	5	3	2	2
New England	40	46	7	5	1	2
North Coast	40	47	4	7	1	1
Northern Sydney	31	42	11	13	2	1
Riverina	41	48	5	3	3	1
South Western Sydney	39	47	6	4	3	1
Sydney	39	42	7	7	4	1
Western NSW	43	48	3	2	2	2
Western Sydney	36	49	6	4	4	1

* Rounded to nearest %

- The suspension procedures mandate principals to take strong action in situations where they believe there is a risk to the health and safety of students and staff, particularly for incidents involving violence or weapons.
- Schools remain among the safest places for children in our communities.

Students long suspended in school education groups 2012

Region	School education group	Students long suspended	Students long suspended per hundred students enrolled
Hunter Central Coast	HCC1 (Central Coast South)	423	3.7
	HCC2 (Central Coast West)	311	2.4
	HCC3 (Central Coast North)	312	2.2
	HCC4 (Newcastle East & Outer West)	305	1.2
	HCC5 (Newcastle Inner West)	114	1.5
	HCC6 (Western Lake Macquarie)	169	4.0
	HCC7 (Eastern Lake Macquarie)	343	2.1
	HCC8 (Upper Hunter / Maitland West)	240	2.7
	HCC9 (Cessnock / Maitland North East)	250	2.6
	HCC10 (Port Stephens / Dungog / Maitland Central)	342	3.2
	Total	2702	2.5
Illawarra and South East	Batemans Bay	254	2.7
	Goulburn Highlands	148	2.0
	Queanbeyan	73	1.0
	Sapphire Coast Monaro	123	2.1
	Shellharbour	191	1.7
	Shoalhaven	180	2.0
	Wollongong	182	2.2
	Wollongong North	124	1.2
	Total	1275	1.9
New England	New England Central	148	2.1
	New England North	120	2.5
	New England South	292	4.7
	New England West	153	3.8
	Total	713	3.2
North Coast	Clarence	216	3.3
	Coffs Harbour	233	2.9
	Far North Coast	190	2.2
	Hastings	297	3.5
	Lower North Coast	120	1.9
	Manning Camden Haven	153	2.6
	Mid North Coast	106	2.5
	Richmond Valley	127	3.4
	Southern Cross	199	2.5
	The Wilson	122	2.6
	Total	1763	2.7

Region	School education group	Students long suspended	Long suspended per hundred students enrolled
Northern Sydney	Hills Network	95	0.5
	Hornsby Network	48	0.5
	Lane Cove Network	63	0.5
	Middle Harbour Network	56	0.4
	North Shore Network	59	0.4
	Peninsula Network	74	0.4
	Total	395	0.4
Riverina	Riverina Central	80	1.7
	Riverina East	78	1.6
	Riverina North	191	4.1
	Riverina North West	103	3.4
	Riverina South	149	2.2
	Riverina South West	65	1.9
	Riverina West	99	2.0
	Total	765	2.4
South Western Sydney	Bankstown	171	1.4
	Campbelltown	384	3.4
	East Hills	112	1.0
	Fairfield	150	0.8
	Granville	185	1.7
	Hoxton	164	1.0
	Ingleburn	249	2.3
	Liverpool	244	2.2
	Macarthur	181	1.5
	Strathfield	157	1.1
	Total	1997	1.5
Sydney	Botany Bay	96	1.3
	Georges River	84	0.5
	Inner City	102	1.3
	Inner West	47	0.4
	Network 8 (Technology Network)	89	0.7
	Port Hacking	103	0.8
	Port Jackson	34	0.3
	Woronora River	105	0.9
	Total	660	0.7

Region	School education group	Students long suspended	Students long suspended per hundred Students enrolled
Western NSW	Bathurst	222	3.3
	Bourke	154	5.6
	Broken Hill	66	1.6
	Dubbo	314	4.3
	Lachlan	179	3.2
	Orange	164	2.6
	Warrumbungle	105	2.0
	Total	1204	3.2
Western Sydney	Blue Mountains	123	1.3
	Cumberland	100	0.7
	Hawkesbury	115	1.4
	Minchinbury	259	1.9
	Mt Druitt	269	2.5
	Nirimba	173	1.2
	Penrith Valley	218	1.7
	The Hills	191	0.9
	Total	1448	1.4

Short Suspensions 2012

(Short Suspensions are up to 4 days in duration)

Total Short Suspensions 2012: 53,323

Reasons for short suspensions 2012

	Total	% of total short suspensions
Continued Disobedience	25,803	48 %
Aggressive Behaviour	27,520	52 %
Total	53323	Rounded to nearest %

Expulsions 2012

Region	*Misbehaviour	*Unsatisfactory participation	Total
Hunter Central Coast	53	1	54
Illawarra and South East	15	7	22
New England	5	3	8
North Coast	29	8	37
Northern Sydney	6	3	9
Riverina	9	11	20
South Western Sydney	34	28	62
Sydney	4	7	11
Western NSW	13	1	14
Western Sydney	9	12	21
Total	177	81	258

*Misbehaviour – of a student of any age.

*Unsatisfactory participation – of a student of post-compulsory school age.