



Suspensions and Expulsions 2013

Short Suspensions 2013

(Short suspensions are up to 4 school days).

Total short suspensions in 2013: **48,848**

(These figures are based on the total number of short suspensions in 2013 and include students placed on short suspension on more than one occasion).

Total students short suspended in 2013: **29,976**

Average length of suspension: **3.0 days**

Number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students short suspended in 2013: **6,494**

Students receiving short suspensions

Year	Total enrolments in mid-year census	Number of students suspended	Percentage of student enrolment
K-6	448,759	6,686	1.5%
7-10	218,843	20,093	9.2%
11-12	88,684	3,197	3.6%
All Grades	756,286	29,976	4.0%

Reasons for short suspensions

Continued disobedience	23,152
Aggressive behaviour	25,696
Total	48,848

Long Suspensions 2013

(Long suspensions are up to 20 school days).

Total long suspensions in 2013: **17,531**

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2013 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

Total students long suspended in 2013: **12,281**

Average length of long suspension: **11.5 days**

Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students long suspended in 2013: **3,054**

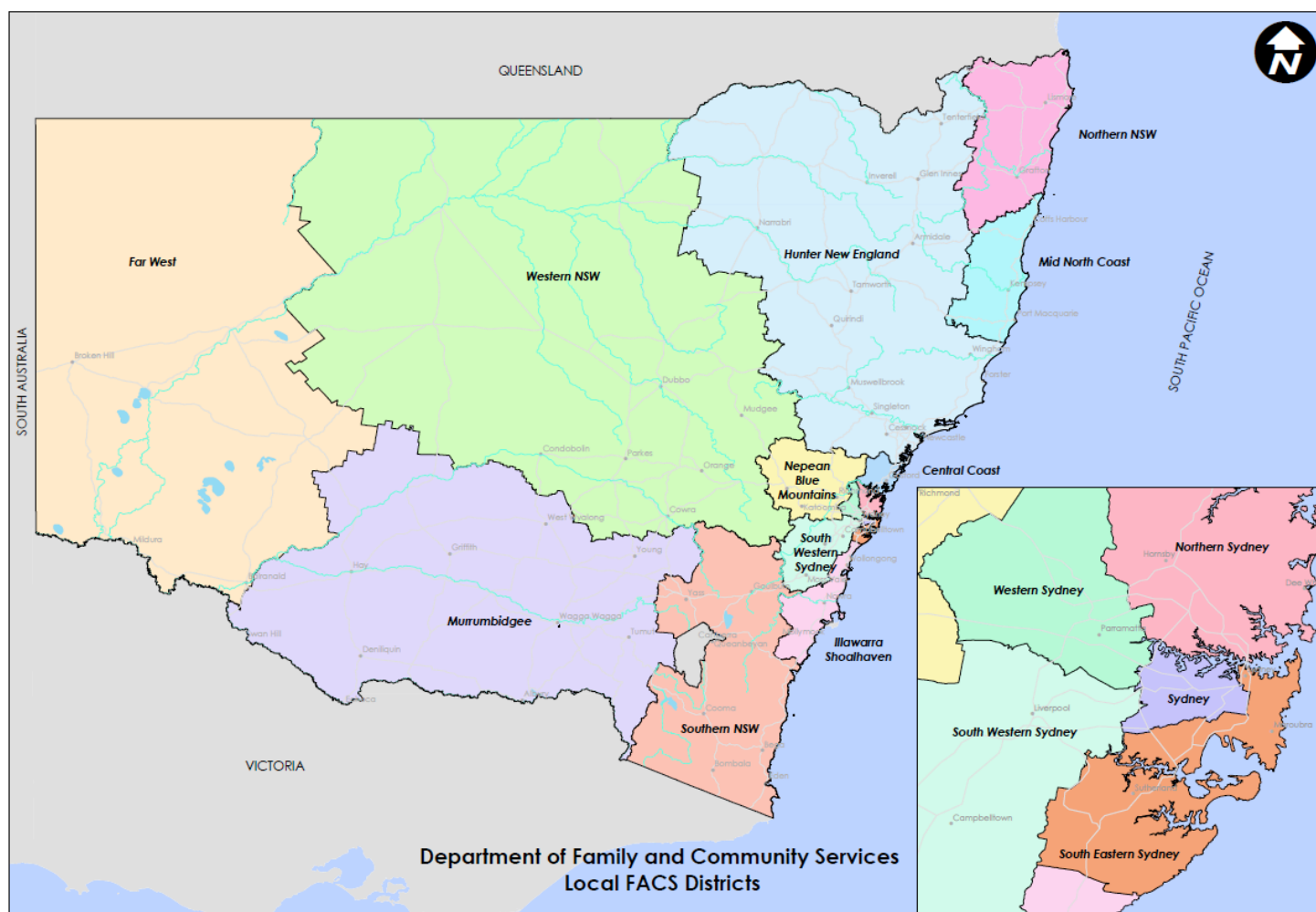
Students receiving long suspensions

Year	Total enrolments in mid-year census	Number of students suspended	Percentage of student enrolment
K-6	448,759	2,496	0.6%
7-10	218,843	8,492	3.9%
11-12	88,684	1,293	1.5%
All Grades	756,286	12,281	1.6%

Reasons for long suspensions

V: Physical violence	6,799
PM: Persistent misbehavior	8,300
CB: Serious criminal behaviour related to the school	984
IS: Possession or use of a suspected illegal substance	790
PW: Use or possession of a prohibited weapon, firearm or knife	479
UW: Use of an implement as a weapon, or threatening to use a weapon	179
Total	17,531

Suspension and Expulsion Data by Department of Family and Community Services Districts



Previously, suspension and expulsion data was published by region and school education group. Changes to the Public Schools NSW regional structure require that a different reporting format be used. Therefore it will not be possible to directly compare data from 2013 onwards to previous years.

The 2013 data is set out in the 15 Family and Community Services districts. Publication of data in this way will assist evidence informed planning and practice across NSW Government agencies.

Data published prior to 2013, in education regions, is not comparable with the 2013 data published by Family and Community Services districts.

Please note: From time-to-time, the Department of Family and Community Services may change the boundaries of their districts. Therefore, care is needed in interpreting this data overtime.

2013 Total Short Suspensions by Family and Community Services (FACS) District

(These figures are based on the total number of short suspensions in 2013 and include students placed on short suspension on more than one occasion).

2013 Total Short Suspensions by FACS Districts

FACS Districts	Total
Central Coast	2,901
Far West	595
Hunter New England	9,421
Illawarra Shoalhaven	3,561
Mid North Coast	2,024
Murrumbidgee	2,875
Nepean Blue Mountains	2,834
Northern NSW	3,224
Northern Sydney	1,058
South Eastern Sydney	1,772
South Western Sydney	6,710
Southern NSW	1,469
Sydney	1,127
Western NSW	4,620
Western Sydney	4,656
Grand Total	48,848

2013 Total Long Suspensions by Family and Community Services (FACS) District

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2013 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

2013 Total long Suspensions by FACS Districts

FACS Districts	Total
Central Coast	1,312
Far West	121
Hunter New England	3,688
Illawarra Shoalhaven	1,024
Mid North Coast	877
Murrumbidgee	1,078
Nepean Blue Mountains	998
Northern NSW	1,108
Northern Sydney	440
South Eastern Sydney	601
South Western Sydney	2,381
Southern NSW	589
Sydney	487
Western NSW	1,603
Western Sydney	1,224
Grand Total	17,531

2013 Total number students short suspended by FACS Districts

FACS Districts	Total	Students Short Suspended as % of FACS Area Enrolment
Central Coast	1,874	4.9%
Far West	3,46	8.2%
Hunter New England	5,772	5.7%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	2,151	4.9%
Mid North Coast	1,284	5.7%
Murrumbidgee	1,636	5.1%
Nepean Blue Mountains	1,723	4.3%
Northern NSW	1,966	6.3%
Northern Sydney	793	0.9%
South Eastern Sydney	1,235	1.9%
South Western Sydney	4,237	3.9%
Southern NSW	918	4.6%
Sydney	769	1.8%
Western NSW	2,550	7.9%
Western Sydney	2,882	3.3%
Grand Total	29,976	4.0%

2013 Total number students long suspended by FACS Districts

FACS Districts	Total	Students Long Suspended as % of FACS Area Enrolment
Central Coast	951	2.5%
Far West	81	1.9%
Hunter New England	2,569	2.5%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	717	1.6%
Mid North Coast	630	2.8%
Murrumbidgee	714	2.2%
Nepean Blue Mountains	708	1.8%
Northern NSW	773	2.5%
Northern Sydney	351	0.4%
South Eastern Sydney	444	0.7%
South Western Sydney	1,670	1.5%
Southern NSW	418	2.1%
Sydney	364	0.8%
Western NSW	1,043	3.2%
Western Sydney	892	1.0%
Grand Total	12,281	1.6%

Suspensions and enrolments at NSW government schools 2008-2013 (4)



Notes:

1. In 2010 the school leaving age was raised from 15 years to 17 years.
2. Between 2008 and 2013 there have been changes in the way that suspension data is harvested. In 2012, suspension data was harvested from a combination of the Department's electronic enrolment registration system (ERN) and manual returns. The data prior to 2011 was collected manually.
3. In 2013, data was exclusively harvested from ERN making it more reliable.
4. Both vertical axes have different scales. This should be considered when interpreting the graph.

2013 Expulsion Data by Department of Family and Community Services Districts

FACS Districts	Misbehaviour	Unsatisfactory Participation	Total
Central Coast	36	<5	n/a
Far West	<5	<5	n/a
Hunter New England	54	10	64
Illawarra Shoalhaven	20	7	27
Mid North Coast	27	11	38
Murrumbidgee	8	23	31
Nepean Blue Mountains	<5	<5	n/a
Northern NSW	17	<5	n/a
Northern Sydney	5	5	10
South Eastern Sydney	7	5	12
South Western Sydney	27	26	53
Southern NSW	<5	<5	n/a
Sydney	<5	<5	n/a
Western NSW	13	15	28
Western Sydney	8	<5	n/a
Total	233	114	347

In order to protect individual students' identities, this table uses the following:

- values under 5 are represented as <5
- n/a is used in the "Total" column to also prevent any student being identified.

