



# Suspension and Expulsions 2011

## Long suspensions 2011 (Long Suspensions are up to 20 school days)

Total long suspensions 2011: 16,814

Total students long suspended 2011: 12,054

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

- once only: = 72.5 %
- more than once: = 27.5 %

Average length of long suspension: 12.6 days

Percentage of long suspensions of students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background: 23%

Number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students long suspended: 2,590

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

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander enrolment: 5.7
- Total enrolment: 0.3

### Legend

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

### Long suspensions in year bands

| Year              | % of Total Long Suspensions | Percentage of student enrolment |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>K-6</b>        | 15%                         | 0.6                             |
| <b>7-10</b>       | 77%                         | 6.0                             |
| <b>11-12</b>      | 8%                          | 1.5                             |
| <b>All Grades</b> | <b>Rounded to nearest %</b> | <b>2.3</b>                      |

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2011 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 |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>K-6</b>        | 1,750                        | 0.4                             |
| <b>7-10</b>       | 9,180                        | 4.1                             |
| <b>11-12</b>      | 1,124                        | 1.3                             |
| <b>All Grades</b> | <b>12,054</b>                | <b>1.6</b>                      |

### Reasons for long suspensions

|              | Total         | % of total long suspensions |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>V</b>     | 6,750         | 40                          |
| <b>PM</b>    | 7,829         | 47                          |
| <b>CB</b>    | 970           | 6                           |
| <b>IS</b>    | 587           | 3                           |
| <b>PW</b>    | 457           | 3                           |
| <b>UW</b>    | 221           | 1                           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>16,814</b> | <b>Rounded to nearest %</b> |

## Long suspension – regional 2011

### Long suspensions in regions

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in regions in 2011 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

| Region                   | Total number of long suspensions |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Hunter Central Coast     | <b>3783</b>                      |
| Illawarra and South East | <b>1559</b>                      |
| New England              | <b>855</b>                       |
| North Coast              | <b>2322</b>                      |
| Northern Sydney          | <b>397</b>                       |
| Riverina                 | <b>1064</b>                      |
| South Western Sydney     | <b>2676</b>                      |
| Sydney                   | <b>858</b>                       |
| Western NSW              | <b>1498</b>                      |
| Western Sydney           | <b>1802</b>                      |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>16814</b>                     |

### Number of students receiving long suspensions per region

| Region                   | Number of students suspended | Students suspended as a % of regional enrolment |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Hunter Central Coast     | 2659                         | 2.5   |
| Illawarra and South East | 1093                         | 1.6   |
| New England              | 637                          | 2.9   |
| North Coast              | 1647                         | 2.5   |
| Northern Sydney          | 319                          | 0.4   |
| Riverina                 | 718                          | 2.2   |
| South Western Sydney     | 1987                         | 1.5   |
| Sydney                   | 629                          | 0.7   |
| Western NSW              | 1037                         | 2.7   |
| Western Sydney           | 1328                         | 1.3   |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>12054</b>                 | <b>1.6</b>                                      |

### Reasons for suspensions in regions percentage \*

| Region                   | V  | PM | CB | IS | PW | UW |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Hunter Central Coast     | 41 | 47 | 6  | 2  | 2  | 1  |
| Illawarra and South East | 36 | 52 | 5  | 4  | 2  | 2  |
| New England              | 42 | 45 | 6  | 4  | 3  | 2  |
| North Coast              | 38 | 47 | 4  | 7  | 2  | 1  |
| Northern Sydney          | 31 | 44 | 11 | 8  | 4  | 2  |
| Riverina                 | 44 | 47 | 5  | 0  | 3  | 1  |
| South Western Sydney     | 41 | 45 | 7  | 2  | 3  | 1  |
| Sydney                   | 41 | 41 | 7  | 6  | 3  | 1  |
| Western NSW              | 43 | 46 | 3  | 2  | 3  | 2  |
| Western Sydney           | 39 | 47 | 6  | 3  | 5  | 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 2011

| Region                          | School education group                            | Students long suspended | Students long suspended per hundred students enrolled |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Hunter Central Coast</b>     | HCC1 (Central Coast South)                        | 364                     | 3.1   |
|                                 | HCC2 (Central Coast West)                         | 269                     | 2.0   |
|                                 | HCC3 (Central Coast North)                        | 339                     | 2.5   |
|                                 | HCC4 (Newcastle East & Outer West)                | 177                     | 1.8   |
|                                 | HCC5 (Newcastle Inner West)                       | 186                     | 1.7   |
|                                 | HCC6 (Western Lake Macquarie)                     | 339                     | 3.9   |
|                                 | HCC7 (Eastern Lake Macquarie)                     | 186                     | 1.7   |
|                                 | HCC8 (Upper Hunter / Maitland West)               | 227                     | 2.5   |
|                                 | HCC9 (Cessnock / Maitland North East)             | 237                     | 3.0   |
|                                 | HCC10 (Port Stephens / Dungog / Maitland Central) | 335                     | 3.2   |
|                                 | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>2659</b>             | <b>2.5</b>  |
| <b>Illawarra and South East</b> | Batemans Bay                                      | 197                     | 2.0   |
|                                 | Goulburn Highlands                                | 147                     | 2.0   |
|                                 | Queanbeyan  | 79                      | 1.1   |
|                                 | Sapphire Coast Monaro                             | 95                      | 1.6   |
|                                 | Shellharbour                                      | 150                     | 1.3   |
|                                 | Shoalhaven  | 158                     | 1.8   |
|                                 | Wollongong  | 183                     | 2.1   |
|                                 | Wollongong North                                  | 84                      | 0.8   |
|                                 | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>1093</b>             | <b>1.6</b>  |
| <b>New England</b>              | New England Central                               | 122                     | 1.7   |
|                                 | New England North                                 | 113                     | 2.3   |
|                                 | New England South                                 | 272                     | 4.4   |
|                                 | New England West                                  | 130                     | 3.1   |
|                                 | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>637</b>              | <b>2.9</b>  |
| <b>North Coast</b>              | Clarence  | 188                     | 2.9   |
|                                 | Coffs Harbour                                     | 212                     | 2.6   |
|                                 | Far North Coast                                   | 196                     | 2.2   |
|                                 | Hastings  | 260                     | 3.0   |
|                                 | Lower North Coast                                 | 114                     | 1.7   |
|                                 | Manning Camden Haven                              | 132                     | 2.2   |
|                                 | Mid North Coast                                   | 100                     | 2.3   |
|                                 | Richmond Valley                                   | 100                     | 2.7   |
|                                 | Southern Cross                                    | 175                     | 2.2   |
|                                 | The Wilson  | 170                     | 3.5   |
|                                 | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>1647</b>             | <b>2.5</b>  |

| Region               | School education group         | Students long suspended | Long suspended per hundred students enrolled |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Northern Sydney      | Hills Network                  | 48                      | 0.3  |
|                      | Hornsby Network                | 47                      | 0.5  |
|                      | Lane Cove Network              | 43                      | 0.3  |
|                      | Middle Harbour Network         | 56                      | 0.4  |
|                      | North Shore Network            | 52                      | 0.3  |
|                      | Peninsula Network              | 73                      | 0.5  |
|                      | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>319</b>              | <b>0.4</b>                                   |
|                      |                                |                         |  |
| Riverina             | Riverina Central               | 78                      | 1.7  |
|                      | Riverina East                  | 65                      | 1.4  |
|                      | Riverina North                 | 190                     | 4.1  |
|                      | Riverina North West            | 108                     | 3.6  |
|                      | Riverina South                 | 138                     | 2.1  |
|                      | Riverina South West            | 40                      | 1.1  |
|                      | Riverina West                  | 99                      | 2.0  |
|                      | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>718</b>              | <b>2.2</b>                                   |
|                      |                                |                         |  |
| South Western Sydney | Bankstown                      | 161                     | 1.3  |
|                      | Campbelltown                   | 378                     | 3.2  |
|                      | East Hills                     | 110                     | 1.0  |
|                      | Fairfield                      | 213                     | 1.1  |
|                      | Granville                      | 189                     | 1.8  |
|                      | Hoxton                         | 186                     | 1.2  |
|                      | Ingleburn                      | 241                     | 2.2  |
|                      | Liverpool                      | 242                     | 2.1  |
|                      | Macarthur                      | 109                     | 0.9  |
|                      | Strathfield                    | 158                     | 1.1  |
|                      | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1987</b>             | <b>1.5</b>                                   |
|                      |                                |                         |  |
| Sydney               | Botany Bay                     | 61                      | 0.8  |
|                      | Georges River                  | 75                      | 0.5  |
|                      | Inner City                     | 94                      | 1.2  |
|                      | Inner West                     | 87                      | 0.8  |
|                      | Network 8 (Technology Network) | 84                      | 0.7  |
|                      | Port Hacking                   | 68                      | 0.5  |
|                      | Port Jackson                   | 50                      | 0.5  |
|                      | Woronora River                 | 110                     | 0.9  |
|                      | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>629</b>              | <b>0.7</b>                                   |

| Region         | School education group | Students long suspended | Students long suspended per hundred Students enrolled |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Western NSW    | Bathurst               | 157                     | 2.3   |
|                | Bourke                 | 160                     | 5.8   |
|                | Broken Hill            | 63                      | 1.5   |
|                | Dubbo                  | 227                     | 3.1   |
|                | Lachlan                | 169                     | 3.0   |
|                | Orange                 | 173                     | 2.7   |
|                | Warrumbungle           | 88                      | 1.6   |
|                | <b>Total</b>           | <b>1037</b>             | <b>2.7</b>  |
|                |                        |                         |   |
| Western Sydney | Blue Mountains         | 87                      | 0.9   |
|                | Cumberland             | 137                     | 1.0   |
|                | Hawkesbury             | 93                      | 1.1   |
|                | Minchinbury            | 251                     | 1.8   |
|                | Mt Druitt              | 279                     | 2.6   |
|                | Nirimba                | 153                     | 1.1   |
|                | Penrith Valley         | 200                     | 1.6   |
|                | The Hills              | 128                     | 0.6   |
|                | <b>Total</b>           | <b>1328</b>             | <b>1.3</b>  |

## Short Suspensions 2011

(Short Suspensions are up to 4 days in duration)

Total Short Suspensions 2011: 55,718

### Reasons for short suspensions 2011

|                        | Total         | % of total short suspensions |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Continued Disobedience | 25,913        | 47                           |
| Aggressive Behaviour   | 29,805        | 53                           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>55,718</b> | <b>Rounded to nearest %</b>  |

## Expulsions 2011

| Region                   | *Misbehaviour | *Unsatisfactory participation | Total      |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Hunter Central Coast     | 91            | 11                            | <b>102</b> |
| Illawarra and South East | 13            | 1                             | <b>14</b>  |
| New England              | 15            | 3                             | <b>18</b>  |
| North Coast              | 60            | 19                            | <b>79</b>  |
| Northern Sydney          | 7             | 1                             | <b>8</b>   |
| Riverina                 | 8             | 1                             | <b>9</b>   |
| South Western Sydney     | 59            | 24                            | <b>83</b>  |
| Sydney                   | 9             | 0                             | <b>9</b>   |
| Western NSW              | 18            | 2                             | <b>20</b>  |
| Western Sydney           | 17            | 4                             | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>297</b>    | <b>66</b>                     | <b>363</b> |

\*Misbehaviour – of a student of any age.

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