

# Suspensions and Expulsions

## 2014

### Short suspensions 2014

(Short suspensions are up to 4 school days)

- **Total short suspensions in 2014: 48,522**  
(These figures are based on the total number of short suspensions in 2014 and include students placed on short suspension on more than one occasion).
- **Total students short suspended in 2014: 29,665**
- **Average length of suspension: 3.0 days**
- **Number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students short suspended in 2014: 6,741**

#### Students receiving short suspensions

Year	Total enrolments in mid-year census	Number of students suspended	Percentage of student enrolment
K-6	458,130	6,860	1.5%
7-10	217,294	19,582	9.0%
11-12	89,203	3,229	3.6%
<b>All Grades</b>	<b>764,627</b>	<b>29,665</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

#### Reasons for short suspensions

Reasons for short suspensions	
Continued disobedience	26,701
Aggressive behaviour	21,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,522</b>

### Long suspensions 2014

(Long suspensions are up to 20 school days)

- **Total long suspensions in 2014: 17,498**  
(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2014 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).
- **Total students long suspended in 2014: 12,188**
- **Average length of long suspension: 11.5 days**
- **Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students long suspended in 2014: 3,168**

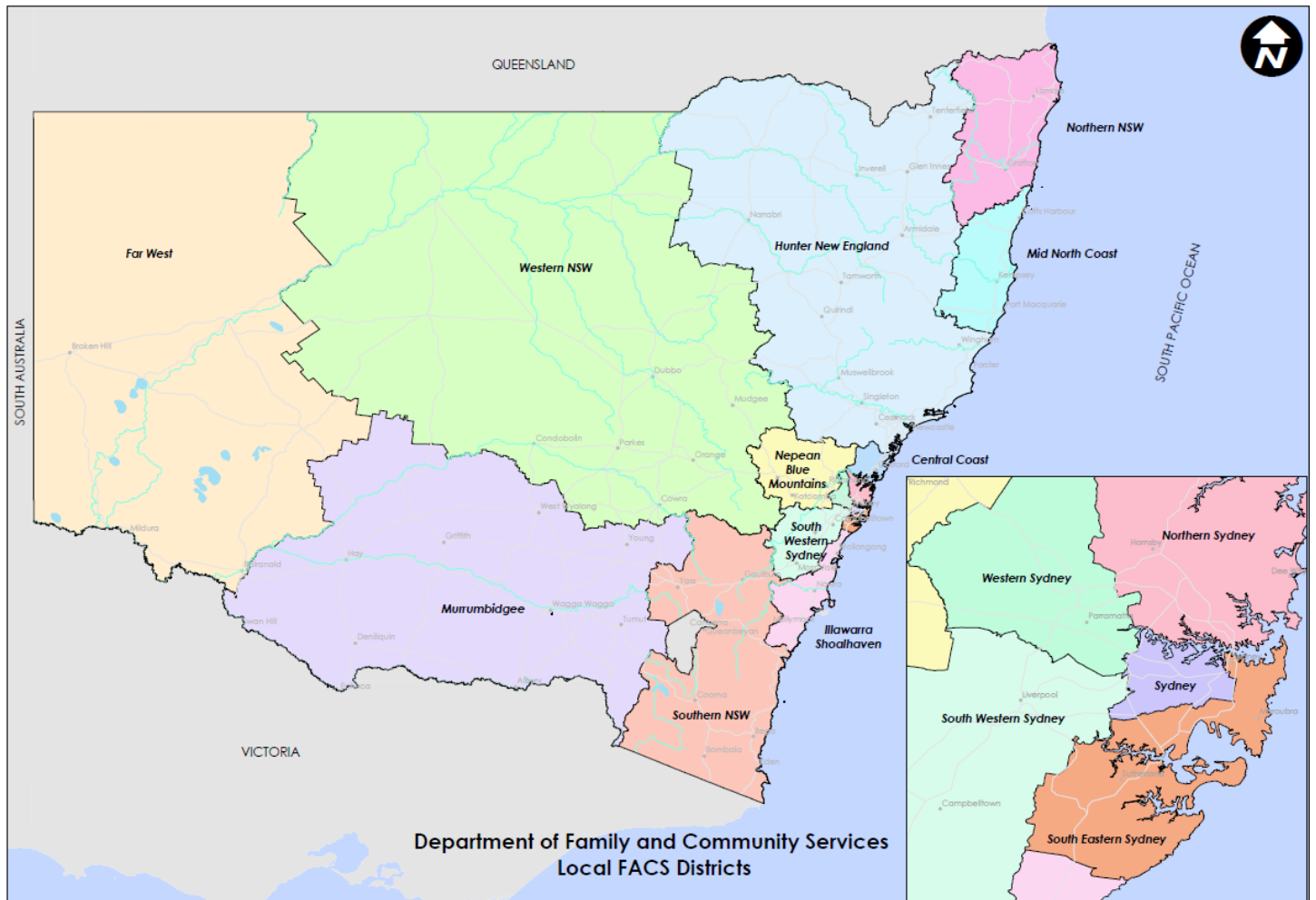
#### Students receiving long suspensions

Year	Total enrolments in mid-year census	Number of students suspended	Percentage of student enrolment
K-6	458,130	2,572	0.6%
7-10	217,294	8,336	3.8%
11-12	89,203	1,283	1.4%
<b>All Grades</b>	<b>764,627</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

#### Reasons for long suspensions

Reasons for long suspensions	
<b>V:</b> Physical violence	6,641
<b>PM:</b> Persistent misbehavior	8,171
<b>CB:</b> Serious criminal behaviour related to the school	1,006
<b>IS:</b> Possession or use of a suspected illegal substance	982
<b>PW:</b> Use or possession of a prohibited weapon, firearm or knife	516
<b>UW:</b> Use of an implement as a weapon, or threatening to use a weapon	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,498</b>

# 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 from the beginning of 2013 required a different reporting format for the 2013 and 2014 suspension and expulsion data.

The 2014 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 and 2014 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 over time.

## 2014 Total short suspensions by Family and Community Services (FACS) district

(These figures are based on the total number of short suspensions in 2014 and include students placed on short suspension on more than one occasion).

### 2014 Total short suspensions by FACS districts

FACS districts	Total
Central Coast	2,905
Far West	585
Hunter New England	9,524
Illawarra Shoalhaven	3,575
Mid North Coast	1,844
Murrumbidgee	2,887
Nepean Blue Mountains	2,638
Northern NSW	3,323
Northern Sydney	845
South Eastern Sydney	1,835
South Western Sydney	6,647
Southern NSW	1,542
Sydney	1,143
Western NSW	4,403
Western Sydney	4,826
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48,522</b>

### 2014 Total number students short suspended by FACS Districts

FACS districts	Total	Students short suspended as % of FACS area enrolment
Central Coast	1,806	4.7%
Far West	333	8.1%
Hunter New England	5,765	5.6%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	2,144	4.9%
Mid North Coast	1,205	5.4%
Murrumbidgee	1,665	5.2%
Nepean Blue Mountains	1,714	4.2%
Northern NSW	1,915	6.1%
Northern Sydney	672	0.8%
South Eastern Sydney	1,291	1.9%
South Western Sydney	4,334	3.9%
Southern NSW	919	4.5%
Sydney	774	1.7%
Western NSW	2,412	7.5%
Western Sydney	2,865	3.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,665</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

## 2014 Total long suspensions by Family and Community Services (FACS) district

(These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2014 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

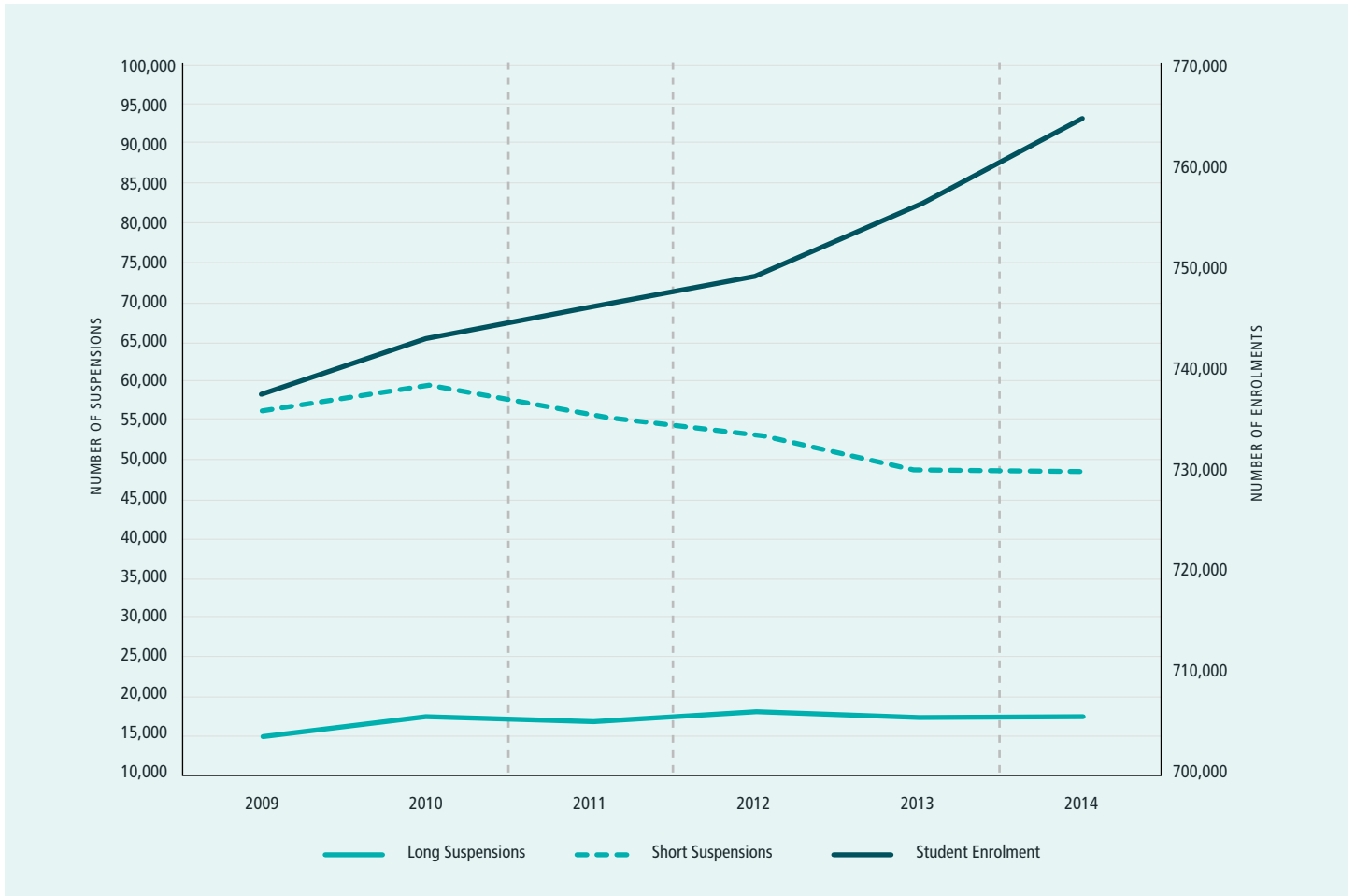
### 2014 Total long suspensions by FACS districts

FACS districts	Total
Central Coast	1,262
Far West	177
Hunter New England	3,764
Illawarra Shoalhaven	1,102
Mid North Coast	861
Murrumbidgee	1,110
Nepean Blue Mountains	1,028
Northern NSW	1,064
Northern Sydney	322
South Eastern Sydney	583
South Western Sydney	2,412
Southern NSW	547
Sydney	429
Western NSW	1,628
Western Sydney	1,209
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,498</b>

### 2014 Total number students long suspended by FACS Districts

FACS districts	Total	Students short suspended as % of FACS area enrolment
Central Coast	915	2.4%
Far West	112	2.7%
Hunter New England	2,567	2.5%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	740	1.7%
Mid North Coast	591	2.7%
Murrumbidgee	749	2.3%
Nepean Blue Mountains	708	1.7%
Northern NSW	749	2.4%
Northern Sydney	271	0.3%
South Eastern Sydney	436	0.7%
South Western Sydney	1,710	1.6%
Southern NSW	355	1.7%
Sydney	331	0.7%
Western NSW	1,089	3.4%
Western Sydney	903	1.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

## Suspensions and enrolments at NSW government schools 2009-2014



**Notes:**

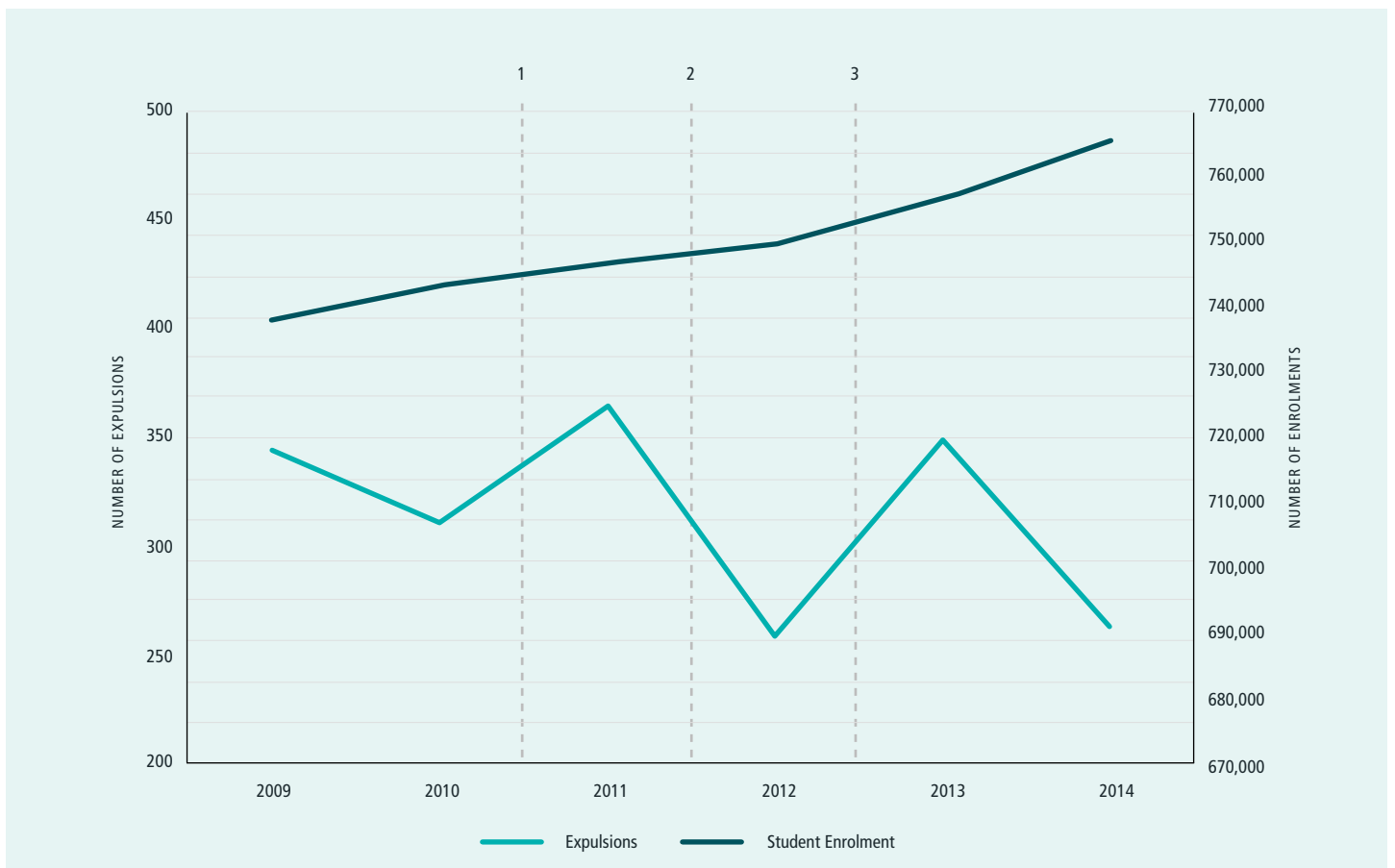
1. In 2010 the school leaving age was raised from 15 years to 17 years.
2. Between 2009 and 2014 there have been changes in the way that suspension data is collected. In 2012 suspension data was harvested from a combination of the Department's Electronic Enrolment Registration (ERN) system and manual 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.

# 2014 Expulsion data by Department of Family and Community Services districts

FACS districts	Misbehaviour	Unsatisfactory participation	Total
Central Coast	34	<5	n/a
Far West	<5	<5	n/a
Hunter New England	51	<5	n/a
Illawarra Shoalhaven	21	<5	n/a
Mid North Coast	11	<5	n/a
Murrumbidgee	6	<5	n/a
Nepean Blue Mountains	7	<5	n/a
Northern NSW	8	<5	n/a
Northern Sydney	<5	<5	n/a
South Eastern Sydney	5	<5	n/a
South Western Sydney	23	29	52
Southern NSW	<5	<5	n/a
Sydney	<5	6	n/a
Western NSW	8	12	20
Western Sydney	5	8	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>262</b>

**Note:** 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.

## Expulsions at NSW government schools



### Notes:

- In 2010 the school leaving age was raised from 15 years to 17 years.
- Between 2007 and 2013 there have been changes in the way that expulsion data is collected. In 2012 expulsions were recorded in the Department's Electronic Enrolment Registration (ERN) system. Prior to this, expulsions data was recorded on a manual return. This has potentially impacted consistency across longitudinal data.
- In 2013, data was exclusively harvested from ERN, making it more reliable.
- Both vertical axes have different scales. This should be considered when interpreting the graph.