



International Students

School deferment, suspension and cancellation policy

Deferment of Commencement of Study Requested by Student

- Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School will only grant a deferment of commencement of studies for compassionate and compelling circumstances. These include but are not limited to:
 - illness, where a medical certificate states that the student was unable to attend classes
 - bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents (where possible a death certificate should be provided)
 - major political upheaval or natural disaster in the home country requiring emergency travel that has impacted on studies
 - a traumatic experience which has impacted on the student (these cases should be where possible supported by police or psychologist's reports).
- The final decision for assessing and granting a deferment of commencement of studies lies with the Principal.
- Deferment will be recorded on PRISMS depending on the student's Confirmation of Enrolments status.

Suspension of Study Requested by Student

- Once the student has commenced the course, Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School will only grant a suspension of study for compassionate and compelling circumstances. These include but are not limited to:
 - illness, where a medical certificate states that the student was unable to attend classes
 - bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents (where possible a death certificate should be provided)
 - major political upheaval or natural disaster in the home country requiring emergency travel that has impacted on studies
 - a traumatic experience which has impacted on the student (these cases should be where possible supported by police or psychologists' reports).
- Suspensions will be recorded on PRISMS.
- The period of suspension will not be included in attendance calculations.
- The final decision for assessing and granting a suspension of studies lies with the Principal.

Assessing Requests for Deferment or Suspension of Studies

- Applications will be assessed on merit by the Director of Admissions and International Student Coordinator.
- All applications for deferment or suspension will be considered within five working days.

Exclusion from Class (1 – 28 days)

- Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School may exclude a student from class studies on the grounds of misbehaviour by the student. Exclusion will occur as the result of any behaviour identified as resulting in exclusion in Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School School's Expectation of Student Behaviour [refer to the School's learning management system].
- Excluded students must abide by the conditions of their exclusion from studies which will depend on the welfare and accommodation arrangements in place for each student and which will be determined by the International Student Coordinator.
- Where the student is provided with homework or other studies for the period of the exclusion, the student must continue to meet the academic requirements of the course.
- Exclusions from class will not be recorded on PRISMS.
- Periods of 'exclusion from class' will not be included in attendance calculations as per Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School's Course Progress and Attendance Policy.

School Initiated Suspension of Studies (28 days +)

- Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School may initiate a suspension of studies for a student on the grounds of misbehaviour by the student. Suspension will occur as the result of any behaviour identified as resulting in suspension in Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School's Expectations of Student Behaviour.
- Suspended students must abide by the conditions of their suspension from studies which will depend on the welfare and accommodation arrangements in place for each student and which will be determined by the International Student Coordinator.
- Students who have been suspended for more than 28 days are required to return to their home country by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) unless special circumstances exist (e.g. the student is medically unfit to travel).
- If special circumstances exist, the student must abide by the conditions of her suspension which will depend on the welfare and accommodation arrangements in place for each student and which will be determined by the International Student Coordinator.
- Suspensions will be recorded on PRISMS.
- The period of suspension will not be included in attendance calculations.

Cancellation of Enrolment

- Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School will cancel the enrolment of a student under the following conditions:
 - Failure to pay course fees
 - Failure to maintain approved welfare and accommodation arrangements (visa condition 8532)
 - Any behaviour identified as resulting in cancellation in Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School's Expectation of Student Behaviour [refer to the School's learning management system].
- Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School is required to report failure to maintain satisfactory course progress and failure to maintain satisfactory attendance to the DIBP which will result in automatic cancellation.

Complaints and Appeals

- Student requested deferment and suspension are not subject to Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School Complaints and Appeals Policy.
- Exclusion from class is subject to Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School's Complaints and Appeals Policy.
- School initiated suspension, where the suspension is to be recorded in PRISMS, and cancellation are subject to Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School's International Students' Complaints and Appeals Policy.
- For the duration of the appeals process, the student is required to maintain her enrolment and attendance at all classes as normal. The Head of Senior School will determine if participation in studies will be in class or under a supervised arrangement outside of classes.
- If students access Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School's complaints and appeals process regarding a school initiated suspension, where the suspension is recorded in PRISMS, or cancellation, the suspension or cancellation will not be reported in PRISMS until the complaints and appeals process is finalised, unless extenuating circumstances relating to the welfare of the student apply.
- Extenuating circumstances include:
 - the student refuses to maintain approved welfare and accommodation arrangements
 - the student is missing
 - the student has medical concerns or severe depression or psychological issues which lead the School to fear for the student's wellbeing
 - the student has engaged or threatened to engage in behaviour that is reasonably believed to endanger the student or others
 - is at risk of committing a criminal offence, or
 - the student is the subject of investigation relating to criminal matters.
- The use of extenuating circumstances by Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School to suspend or cancel a student's enrolment prior to the completion of any complaints and appeals process will be supported by appropriate evidence.
- The final decision for evaluating extenuating circumstances lies with the Principal.

Student Advice

- Deferment, suspension and cancellation of enrolment can have an effect on a student's visa as a result of changes to enrolment status. Students will be informed to contact the DIBP for advice.

Definitions

- Day – any day including weekends and public holidays in or out of term time.