

# Stricter Action in Schools against Student Misconduct

Discipline is an educative process. Disciplinary measures help students learn the consequences of their actions. For greater consistency when managing serious student misconduct (including bullying), schools will implement stricter disciplinary measures.

	Serious Offence	Very Serious Offence
<b>First-time offenders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 to 3 days of detention <b>and/or</b> suspension (in school or home);</li> <li><b>And/or</b> 1 stroke of the cane (for upper primary and older boys only, with aggravating factors)</li> <li><b>AND</b> conduct grade adjustment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 to 5 days of detention <b>and/or</b> suspension (in school or home);</li> <li><b>And/or</b> up to 2 strokes of the cane (for upper primary and older boys only)</li> <li><b>AND</b> conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair')</li> </ul>
<b>Second-time offenders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 to 5 days of detention <b>and/or</b> suspension (in school or home);</li> <li><b>And/or</b> up to 2 strokes of the cane (for upper primary and older boys only)</li> <li><b>AND</b> conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair')</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 to 14 days of detention <b>and/or</b> suspension (in school or home);</li> <li><b>And/or</b> up to 3 strokes of the cane (for upper primary and older boys only)</li> <li><b>AND</b> conduct grade adjustment ('Poor')</li> </ul>
<b>Subsequent offenders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 to 14 days of detention <b>and/or</b> suspension (in school or home);</li> <li><b>And/or</b> up to 3 strokes of the cane (for upper primary and older boys only)</li> <li><b>AND</b> conduct grade adjustment ('Poor')</li> </ul>	

**Note:**

- Schools have the autonomy to add other school-based consequences based on their assessment of each case.
- Schools will consider mitigating factors for caning, including the age profile and maturity of the student offender, and whether the student offender has special educational needs and/or mental well-being issues.