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The Board of Management of North Connaught College is publishing this document as the official Disciplinary Procedure Policy. MSLETB as patron of the College has approved this publication. Copies of the policy are available at the College and to each person who is admitted to the College.

Scope of policy: This policy applies only to the learner community of the College

Procedure

The two stages of the disciplinary procedure are outlined below.

Stage 1

Should a disciplinary incident/matter arise it should be brought to the attention of the class tutor. This may involve further referral to other appropriate College staff.

Stage 2

This disciplinary incident/matter is referred to the Deputy Principal or course Co-ordinator. Following investigation and depending on the seriousness of the incident this may be referred to the Principal and may result in:

- *Oral Warning*
- *Written warning*
- *Final Written warning*
- *Suspension / Expulsion*

- ***Oral warning***

If the offence is serious or there has been further failure to conform to the required standards, then the Principal will issue a formal oral warning. The Principal will advise the student of the reasons for the warning, the seriousness of the issue and the possible consequences if there is no improvement.

- ***Written warning***

If the offence is more serious or there has been further failure to conform to the required standards, then the Principal will issue a formal warning. This will advise the student of the reasons for the warning, the seriousness of the issue and the possible consequences if there is no improvement.

- ***Final written warning***

If the offence is more serious or there has been further failure to conform to the required standards following the earlier warning, then the Principal will issue a final written warning. The final written warning will advise the student of the reasons for the warning, of the gravity of the situation and the disciplinary action (suspension/expulsion) if there is no improvement or if an offence is repeated.

- **Suspension / Expulsion**

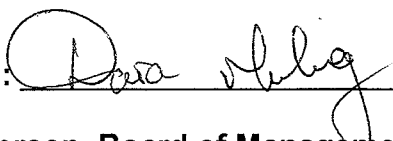
Suspension/expulsion is a very serious step. Gross misconduct is misconduct of such a nature that the College is justified in no longer tolerating the continued presence of the perpetrator. Examples of gross misconduct include;

- Violence or a threat of violence.
- Deliberate damage to property
- Repeated and unacceptable disruption in classes.
- Verbal aggression towards any staff member or student.
- Endangering the health and safety of others.
- Deliberate breach of College guidelines relating to security issues or any other criminal activities affecting the College or other students.

This list is neither exclusive nor exhaustive, and in addition there may be other offences of a similar gravity that would constitute gross misconduct. In cases where a decision is made to suspend/expel a student, the student will be notified in writing within 5 days of the decision. The letter will state the grounds for the decision and confirm that the student has right of appeal and state how this may be exercised.

Appeal Procedure

A student has the right to appeal a suspension/expulsion to the Board of Management. Following any decision, the appeal must be put in writing no later than 10 working days (in line with the complaints procedure policy).

Signed: 
Chairperson, Board of Management

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