

VICTORIAN SWPBS SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT GUIDE

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to identify schools that exemplify the highest level of systems, data, and practices in their implementation of SWPBS. This allows schools to be accurately identified as “PBS schools”. Schools which have formally begun to implement SWPBS but not yet achieved fidelity are also acknowledged.

HOW IS PBS EVALUATED?

The *Tiered Fidelity Inventory* (TFI) is used to measure the extent to which school staff are applying the core features of SWPBS. The TFI is a reliable and valid tool to assess fidelity of implementation. The monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of SWPBS implementation is consistent with the Department’s *Evaluation Strategy*.

For more information about the TFI, see: [SWPBS Tiered Fidelity Inventory](#)

To read more on the validity of the tool, see: [Technical Adequacy of the SWPBS Tiered Fidelity Inventory](#)

HOW ARE SCHOOLS ACKNOWLEDGED?

The SWPBS Central Unit will assess schools using the TFI as they progress through the implementation stages. When a school achieves the criteria to qualify for one of the recognition levels, the SWPBS Central Unit will send a certificate and corresponding logo to the school.

Award Level	Key Criteria
Blue	This award recognises schools that have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a current Action Plan an established team collected fidelity data in the last 12 months
Bronze	This award recognises schools that have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a current Action Plan achieved 70% or more fidelity at tier I on three consecutive administrations according to the TFI collected fidelity data in the last 12 months
Silver	This award recognises schools that have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a current Action Plan achieved 70% or more fidelity at tier I on three consecutive administrations according to the TFI achieved 70% or more fidelity at tier II on three consecutive administrations according to the TFI collected fidelity data in the last 12 months

Gold

This award recognises schools that have:

- a current Action Plan
- achieved 70% or more fidelity at tier I on three consecutive administrations according to the TFI
- achieved 70% or more fidelity at tier II on three consecutive administrations according to the TFI
- achieved 70% or more fidelity at tier III on three consecutive administrations according to the TFI
- collected fidelity data in the last 12 months

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR

Because SWPBS is an ongoing process of implementation and evaluation, schools must demonstrate that they are maintaining or improving SWPBS implementation. This means that a school must formally evaluate their implementation using the TFI at least annually and submit their results to the SWPBS Central Unit. A school must achieve fidelity in the tier(s) each year according to the TFI and submit their results to be considered a “PBS school”.

SCHOOLS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED ONLINE

Schools which achieve Blue, Bronze, Silver, and Gold acknowledgements will be listed on the SWPBS webpage.

REIMBURSEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

Schools which achieve the Bronze, Silver, and Gold acknowledgements are eligible to apply for financial reimbursements. Further details are on the SWPBS webpage.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information contact SWPBS Central Unit on 9935 3705 or via positive.behaviour@edumail.vic.gov.au.