In 2014, Ormiston State School has added an additional “positive” reward system – TOPS rewards. This system recognises and rewards positive behaviour, and builds on a trial the school undertook in 2013.

Students at our school can be “caught” following our rules and values of Teamwork, Ownership, Participation and Sensitivity (An example might be a small group of students undertaking a Mathematics activity together, where the teacher recognises and acknowledges their Teamwork). When caught, students are rewarded with a yellow “Gotcha”.

When students have collected ten (10) yellow “Gotchas”, they receive a blue TOPS certificate and come to the office for recognition from the Principal, Deputy Principal or Head of Curriculum for their great behaviour (they might even get a sticker too). As well as this recognition at an individual level, the student also receives one “token” for their house (Banjora – green, Tamaroo – red, Warreen – yellow). At the end of each school year, the winning “TOPS” house is awarded the TOPS trophy.

But the rewards don’t stop there – this is where the “TOPS rewards” system comes in to play. When students have achieved five (5) blue TOPS certificates (50 Gotchas) they receive a “Bronze” behaviour award, and iceblock as a reward. When students have achieved ten (10) blue TOPS certificates (100 Gotchas) they receive a “Silver” behaviour award, and tuckshop voucher as a reward. And when students have achieved fifteen (15) blue TOPS certificates (150 Gotchas) they receive a “Gold” behaviour award, and a pizza party as a reward.