

# Library

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

The Library should be an integral part of the operations of the school and the Teaching and Learning program. Its operations reflect the aims of the school.

The Library is an extension of the classroom and learning areas.

The library is not only a resource centre for staff and students but an attractive and interesting place that fosters the love of reading and books.

### **Aims:**

The library is an essential resource centre at the school that

- Supports the delivery of the Annual Implementation Plan and Strategic Plan across the school
- Provides engaging and high quality materials (both fiction and non-fiction) that abide by the DEECD policies regarding equality, discrimination and inclusiveness.
- Encourages students to be independent library users by teaching a wide range of library skills
- Offers a range of resources both digital and in print that supports the development of elearning as part of the school program
- Provides resources to support the teachers and education support staff in the delivery of the teaching and learning program across the school
- Will be accessible to students and teachers, both in and out of school hours ( where possible)

### **Implementation:**

- A library teacher/ technician will be employed to ensure smooth running of the library ( within budget and workforce planning restrictions)
- A library committee comprised of parents and teachers will support the general endeavors of the library and make suggestions regarding library development under the management of the School Council Education subcommittee
- The library will present a pleasant physical environment that actively engages students through purpose built shelving and attractive and flexible seating arrangements
- Class loans will be made available for classroom use over an extended period of time
- The library will be open across the school day and at out of class times when staffing is available.
- Students will be encouraged to act as library monitors as appropriate
- The wider school community will be encouraged to help maintain its collection and prepare books for borrowing
- Students and teachers will be involved in recommending resources for purchase
- A proposed annual budget will be submitted to the School Council Finance Committee by term 4 of each year for consideration in the budget planning process.

**Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed by the Education Sub-committee as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2011.