



Urquhart Park Primary School

COMMUNICATION OF SCHOOL POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULE POLICY

Rationale

The policies of the school guide and describe the main processes, functions and operations of the school. The development and review of policies is part of an agreed process to ensure that key stakeholders are part of the consultation and review process.

Aims

To ensure that Urquhart Park Primary School policies frame and accurately reflect the school operations, directions, and goals and meet all legislative, compliance and duty of care requirements.

Implementation

- The policies describe the rationale, aims and implementations of the operations and directions of the school as a whole.
- The process of considering school policies will be managed by the principal and will be a continuous cycle, and will use a transparent and consultative process.
- New policies will be added and modified to reflect the growth and evolution of the new school and new programs.
- All policies will use the school policy layout, meet legislative and compliance requirements, and have a designated review period.
- When developing a new policy, the principal will consult with appropriate personnel in order to draft the initial policy statement. The draft policy may be circulated for comment to the appropriate committee/s, to staff members, to parents, to students before ratification by School Council (where required).
- Policies will be developed taking into account DET policies, memos and circulars relating to a particular policy area.
- A database of policies and a schedule to provide a timeline for reviews is to be maintained.
- When reviewing an existing school policy as per the review cycle, the principal will consult with staff and the appropriate Committee/s, and to School Council for ratification (where required)
- Changes as a result of policy developments and / or reviews will be widely advised to students, staff and parents.
- Staff will be given opportunity to provide input into the policy development or review process.
- The focus of all school policies must remain the needs of students and school operations.
- Any concerns relating to the structure of the school should be directed to the principal or School Council president.
- Relevant policies will also be loaded onto the school intranet and school website for community observation and comment.

Review

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

This policy was last updated in 2018 and is scheduled for review in 2021