

2017-2020

Rationale:

- Students with disabilities or impairments have a right to attend a mainstream government school, and to have their individual needs addressed.

Aims:

- To provide all students with learning opportunities that cater for their individual needs.
- To ensure that those students who attract additional funding through the Program for Students with Disabilities have programs tailored to meet their special requirements.

Implementation:

- All students who have a disability including those who attract additional funding through the Program for Students with Disabilities are welcome at our school.
- A staff member will be assigned responsibility to co-ordinate the Program for Students with Disabilities at our school, including the co-ordination of applications for funding, the co-ordination of Student Support Groups (SSGs), the development and implementation of program budgets, co-ordination of staff professional development and all other issues related to students with disabilities and their respective program needs.
- The appraisal process for applications will occur at the earliest opportunity to provide the maximum potential for applications to be successful, and to ensure a smooth transition for new students into our school setting.
- The Student Support Group process will be fully explained to all parties.
- Student Support Groups will be established for all eligible students to facilitate curriculum planning and resource provision.
- Student Support Groups will be invited to meet at least once per term, and will make recommendations to the principal regarding the development and implementation of individual student programs including student achievement goals, timelines and methods of evaluation, the use of support staff and external consultants, and the use of any additional resources required. All meetings will be documented and available to all members.
- Communication with relevant consultants and support agencies will be undertaken on a needs basis.
- All curriculum programs will be inclusive of all students.

Evaluation:

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

This statement was last ratified by School Council in September 2017.

To be Reviewed: September 2020