



Communication of School Policies, Procedures and Schedule Policy 2018

Purpose:

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.

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

Scope:

The policy relates to all members of the Grovedale Primary School learning community.

Policy:

- 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 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.
 - Policies will be developed taking into account DET policies, memos and circulars relating to a particular policy area.
 - A database of policies and a review schedule will provide a timeline for reviews as recommended by DET or on a three year cycle.
 - When reviewing an existing school policy as per the three-year review cycle, the principal will consult with staff and the appropriate Committee/s, and to School Council for ratification.
 - 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.
- Reference the school's Duty of Care Policy***
- 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 staff share drive and school website for community observation and comment

| Policy | Communication Procedures and schedule for members of the school community | | | | |
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| | Staff | Students | Parents | General Community | Policy Review Date |
| GPS Policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All relevant policies accessible via the Staff share drive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All relevant policies accessible via website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All relevant policies accessible via website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School website | March 2021 |
| <p>Grovedale Primary School policies are updated as specified on the bottom of each policy document in accordance with DET recommendations. This information is also available in the GPS Policies List spreadsheet.</p> | | | | | |

Further Information and Resources:

- [DET School policy Advisory Guide - Duty of Care](#)

This policy was ratified by School Council in **March 2018** and is scheduled for review in **March 2021**.