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PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

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 which cater for their individual needs.
- To ensure that those students who attract Program for Students with Disabilities funding have programs tailored to meet their individual requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES:

- All students who are funded under the Program for Students with Disabilities are welcome at our school.
- A staff member will be assigned responsibility to coordinate the Program for Students with Disabilities program, including the coordination of applicants for funding, the coordination of Student Support Groups, the development and implementation of program budgets, coordination 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 division.
- Student Support Groups will be invited to meet at least three times per year and will make recommendations 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 and all decisions will be made in consultation.

- 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 policy will be reviewed on a cyclic basis.

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