SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

POLICY

Rationale:

- Sexual Health Education is an integral part of health education. In providing a comprehensive sexual health education curriculum consideration will be given to the age appropriateness of material and will be provided in consultation with parents and school council. A comprehensive Sexual Health Education is a compulsory curriculum component for Year 5 and 6, in addition to the Health Education Policy for Years Prep to 6.

Aims:

- To provide age appropriate information regarding all areas of sexual health.
- To ensure students are provided with accurate information regarding sexual health issues.
- To ensure students have the necessary skills to increase their ability to make positive choices.

Implementation:

- An appropriate sexual health curriculum will be provided to Grade 5 and 6 students.
- Students will be provided with a sexual health curriculum relevant to developing puberty.
- The sexual health curriculum will be delivered as a core component of the health curriculum and will be age appropriate.
- A significant part of the sexual health curriculum will be relationship based, will focus on the reasons why sexual experiences occur, will involve body changes and sexual behaviour, and will assist students to make positive and informed decisions relating to sexual matters.
- The school will employ the services of a trained health professional, who has expertise in this area to implement the program, teach lessons and answer questions.
- The school will seek written parental consent before students are involved in a sexual health unit. Parents will be informed of the content of the lessons, and have a right to withdraw their children from the program, or aspects of the program.
- Students who do not participate in the sexual health program, will be provided with alternative activities.
- District staff will be consulted if/when staff of students have concerns about individuals.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed, with parent and community input, as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: November 2011