STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

RATIONALE

Students with disabilities 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 Program for Students with Disabilities funding have programs tailored to meet their special requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION

- All students who are funded under the Program for Students with Disabilities are welcome at our school.
- The Assistant Principal will coordinate the Program for Students with Disabilities at our school, including the coordination of applications for funding, the coordination of Program 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 Program Support Group process will be fully explained to all people related to the Support Group. Program Support Groups will be established for all eligible students to facilitate curriculum planning and resource provision.
- Program 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.
- When required and if possible, programs will be located in a facility conducive to all students needs.
- All curriculum programs will be inclusive of all students.

EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle in March 2012.