



SCHOOL COUNCIL CODE OF PRACTICE

The School Council of <Insert name> Primary School is aware of, and operates within the Education Act and Regulations.

The School Council operates in accordance with the following guidelines:

- the prime consideration in all decision making of the Council will be the needs of students, with respect to their academic, social, emotional and physical development;
- the School Council will consider input from the school community when effecting policy decisions;
- regular communication outlining the activities, decisions and future plans of the Council will be communicated to the school community;
- open meetings will be held at least twice per term;
- ensure that all financial operations, including fundraising, are economic, efficient and effective;
- School Councillors will be offered the opportunity to undertake development training to enhance their abilities to deal with the responsibility of their roles;
- Council operations will reflect the active and enthusiastic partnership, which exists between principal, staff and parents.

School Council recognises the importance of:

- maintaining confidentiality on matters of a sensitive nature;
- sub-committees and their role in the management of Council affairs;
- supporting and developing the concepts contained within this Charter;
- working in co-operation with the Parents', Teachers', and Friends' Association (PTFA);
- fostering a sense of community, together with the PTFA, through social and other events.

The role of the Principal as Executive Officer of the School Council is to provide accurate and concise interpretation of DEECD regulations and communications to the Council and to ensure that its decisions are implemented.