Rationale:

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006) states that all people are born free and equal in dignity and rights. As a public school it is the responsibility of the staff and students of Timboon P-12 school to uphold that basic principles of this Act and ensure that Freedom, Respect, Equity and Dignity are considered in all decision making.

1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

1.1 To provide a supportive, coordinated and consistent approach to the education and wellbeing of all Timboon P-12 students.

Timboon P-12 School Profile Statement

Timboon P-12 School is located on eight picturesque tree filled hectares, 53 kilometres east of Warrnambool. Profile characteristics include:

- No public transport
- Rural remote classification
- A prominent dairy, and natural gas industry.
- Close proximity to tourist destinations along the Shipwreck Coast
- P-6 and 7-12 campuses connected by a covered walkway
- A 5-8 open plan Learning Centre
- A School/Community Library
- A common administration area.
- Families that have mixed socio-economic status
- Supportive involvement of parents in school programs and activities
- A small number of students have English as a second language and only a small number of students have parents from a non-English speaking background.
- Excellent Early years, VCE, VET and VCAL results.
- Naplan data indicates that the school is improving in meeting National Bench marks.
- Attitudes to school data is mixed and requires constant monitoring.
- Our joint community partnerships are varied and include: Our Community Library, our agricultural project, memorandum of understanding with local health services and shared use agreements with the local sports stadium

2.0 PRINCIPLES

2.1 Timboon P-12 School should support programs that develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes of students to their maximum potential.

2.2 The curriculum should be delivered in an environment that is friendly, safe, cooperative and well-resourced.

2.3 Teaching staff should be encouraged to use the e5 model.

2.4 All school community members should be encouraged to respect the rights of others.

2.5 The principles outlined in Dr Stephen Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” should be used in the development of programs and policies.

2.6 The school motto: ‘Strength Through Understanding’ should be at the core of all school business.
2.7 Community links should be established, encouraged and supported.
2.8 Student should have access to high quality counselling as required either through the Student counsellor and local YAC centre, the School Welfare Person (Commonwealth funded-Chaplain), School Psychologist, appropriately trained teaching staff.
2.9 Cultural activities, personal development, health promotion and harm prevention programs should be conducted at all year levels by trained staff and health promotion agencies.
2.10 School wide processes to identify and refer students at risk of disengagement from learning should be established
2.11 Early intervention programs and practices should be established and used consistently across the school

3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Screening program School Nurse Oral language support</td>
<td>Give it a Go Week. (Corangamite Shire) Farm Safety Mobile Farm Safety Unit CFA Mobile Unit Jump Rope for Heart Quit Timboon Ambulance Service RACV program PAWS program (Pets as workers in School) Aspire Arthur Bolkus Keys Please (Yr10) Harm minimisation (Safe partying) Cyber Bullying Corangamite Shire Youth Worker Brophy</td>
<td>Covey Program Be Proactive Begin with the End in Mind Put First Things First Think Win-Win Seek First to Understand and Then to be Understood Synergise Sharpen the Saw Student Wellbeing Programs Kids Matter Transition programs K-P, 6-7 Restorative Practices Student Representative Council School Captains Tribes/Circle Time Mind Matters Friendly Schools &amp; Families Positive Partnerships (AAETC) Health promotion Programs Active After School’s program Go for your Life (Canteen Accreditation) School Garden Lunchtime Activities Support Personal Special needs coordinator Oral Language coordinator Reading Recovery Teacher Student Counselor Student Welfare Person P-6 School Psychologist School Nurse Approved Religious Education</td>
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4.0 Rights and Responsibilities

The basis of our school’s approach to student management is the Rights and Responsibilities Policy (3.14). The purpose of this policy is to promote a happy, safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment that meets the needs of the school community. It encourages in students the development of responsible behaviour and self-discipline, through fairness, tolerance and respect for the rights and welfare of others. It is the Principal’s responsibility to ensure that budgets and programs support the agreed responsibilities.

Agreed Responsibilities

“By using a common set of principle centred concepts and reinforcing them through language and practice we can better prepare our students for all aspects of life at and after school”. “The personal and inter-personal principles set out in the ‘7 Habits of Highly Effective People’ guide the effective learning and behaviour of all staff and students and support a curriculum designed to immerse stakeholders in best practice pedagogy within and beyond the school.” (Timboon P-12 Leading Schools submission 2004)

Through consultation the following set of shared expectations have been developed to guide the school community in its efforts to maintain a high standard of student wellbeing and engagement

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<th>School Staff and Support staff</th>
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<td>• Create an engaging lesson and provide an enjoyable classroom</td>
<td>• Have a positive attitude towards school</td>
<td>• Promote a positive attitude towards school and an education</td>
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<td>• Make sure every student has an equal opportunity to participate</td>
<td>• When you ask for help you receive it</td>
<td>• Support your child in preparing for school</td>
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<td>• Ask for student input into the curriculum and class environment</td>
<td>• You are encouraged to ask questions</td>
<td>• Cooperate with requests from the school</td>
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<td>• Listen to students and value their contribution (Seek first to understand and than to be understood)</td>
<td>• Class is an enjoyable place to be</td>
<td>• Ensure that your child attends school</td>
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<td>• Listen to parents insights into their children’s learning (Seek first to understand)</td>
<td>• Attendance at school is regular</td>
<td>• Attend parent teacher interviews</td>
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<td>• Provide a wide range of resources to engage students</td>
<td>• You feel supported by your teacher</td>
<td>• Support the school curriculum when possible</td>
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<td>• Follow the Staff Code of Conduct</td>
<td>• School is safe place for all students</td>
<td>• Take an interest in your child's school work</td>
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<td>• Be on time</td>
<td>• You have a say in the subjects offered</td>
<td>• Communicate clearly with the school about the needs of your child</td>
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<td>• Display and model Covey Habits</td>
<td>• You can get help when you need it</td>
<td>• Expect the school to engage high quality teaching staff</td>
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### 5.0 Student Management Plan

At Timboon P-12 School positive behaviour will be acknowledged at all times (3.28 Student Recognition Policy). However when behaviour is inappropriate the consequences established in the Student Code of Conduct will be followed.

Restorative practices will be used prior to any more punitive consequences. The intention is for students to recognise what harm has been caused by their actions, what needs to be done to repair the harm and to make a commitment to make reparation.

The school uses a “Two-step Approach” in regard to physical aggression, verbal and physical bullying.

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<th>Likely Consequence</th>
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| 1     | • Isolated, minor infringements of the rules | • Verbal interaction between a staff member and the student: The aim is for the student to acknowledge that s/he has broken a rule and make a commitment not to do it again.  
• The interaction may include a reminder or explanation of the rule, discussion of the incident or a reprimand | • Provide quality classroom management professional development  
• Review the curriculum in terms of levels of student engagement. |
| 2     | • Minor infringements of the rules on more than one or two occasions  
• An isolated incident where a consequence is appropriate | • Where possible a logical consequence will be used.  
• Parents may be contacted if appropriate.  
• Actions may include:  
  o Making an apology to the injured party, payment for any damage  
  o The student being required to prepare a written explanation of why the behaviour is unacceptable and show it to their parents  
  o Complete unfinished work  
  o Completing some community service  
  o A detention or being confined to a specified part of the yard for a short time | • Provide quality classroom management professional development  
• Review the curriculum in terms of levels of student engagement.  
• Record student behaviour on the RISC program |
| 3     | • Continual minor infringements  
• An isolated incident of a more serious nature | • Logical consequences which also include an element of punishment.  
  o Exclusion from activities  
  o Required to complete additional work,  
  o An attendance or behaviour report  
  o Community service  
  o Detention  
  o Yard restriction  
  o Behaviour agreement  
• Parents may be contacted if appropriate | • Develop a student support group  
• Develop an Individual learning plan  
• Seek counselling if required  
• Involve parents in a program support meeting  
• Record student behaviour on the RISC program |
| 4     | • Continual, serious breaches of the rules  
• An incident of a particularly serious nature | • Parents and Principal class will be involved  
• Consequences will be specific to each case but are likely to include contracts, restrictions on the student’s movement or privileges and may include one or more of the consequences from a prior level  
• Suspension in line with DEECD guidelines 4.3 may be considered | • Develop a student support group  
• Develop an Individual learning plan  
• Seek counselling if required  
• Involve parents in a program support meeting |
### 5.0 Student Engagement Policy

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| 5 | • Continual, serious breaches of the rules  
   • An unacceptable behaviour of a very serious nature |
| 6.0 | • Suspension in line with DEECD guidelines.  
    • Extreme situations may lead to expulsion in line with DEECD guidelines 4.4 |
| 6.0 | • Principal convenes a student support group meeting (including parents)  
    • Enrolment at another school  
    • Regional involvement |

### 6.0 Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated every three years as outlined in Policy 3.8: Evaluation or earlier if DEECD guidelines change.

The Data collected from Student opinion/Parent opinion/Staff opinion will be used to influence policy direction.

### 7.0 Supporting Documentation

**Supporting Curriculum Support Program Policies:**

- 2.1 Camps
- 2.3 Cultural Experiences
- 2.4 Supporting Students with Disabilities, Impairments and Special needs.
- 2.10 Drug Education
- 2.11 PAWS

**Supporting Policies**

- 3.3 Bullying
- 3.5 Community Involvement
- 3.6 School Leaders
- 3.10 Gender Equity
- 3.12 Nutrition
- 3.14 Rights and Responsibilities
- 3.15 Sexual Harassment
- 3.16 Social Justice
- 3.19 Student Welfare
- 3.24 Offensive Materials
- 3.27 Privacy
- 3.28 Student Recognition
- 3.32 Procedures for dealing with disruptive Primary Students
- 3.34 Student Leaders
- 3.37 Attendance Policy

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