1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

1.1 To ensure that all students have access to, and involvement in, a range of Arts experiences.
1.2 To provide opportunities for students to develop and extend their knowledge, skills and confidence in The Arts.
1.3 To develop an appreciation for, and to foster creativity and self expression in The Arts.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

2.1 All students should have access to and be encouraged to participate in the Arts.
2.2 The Arts program should be organised to ensure continuity from one year to the next.
2.3 The Arts program should be relevant to the students understanding and experiences, and should extend and build upon the skills, abilities and interests of students.
2.4 Student involvement in the Arts should lead to:
2.4.1 A deeper appreciation of The Arts:
2.4.2 A greater awareness and participation in The Arts:
2.4.3 Stimulated creativity and self expression.

3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

3.1 All students from Prep to year 12 will be offered strands of The Arts by specialist teachers.
3.2 All students from Prep to Year 6 will experience a variety of arts disciplines.
3.3 At year 7 students will have the opportunity to experience a recommended minimum number of arts elective units that run alongside core unit offerings.
3.4 Year 9 to 10 students will experience a recommended minimum number of elective units in the Arts.
3.5 Year 11 and 12 / VCE students will be offered units 1-4.
3.6 Students will be provided with suitable materials and tools. In some cases via the implementation of a levy for consumable materials where the subject has specific material requirements.
3.7 Programs will be implemented in suitably equipped classrooms.
3.8 Exposure to the broad and varied elements within the Arts will be enhanced by excursions, cultural activities, workshops and guest speakers and artists.
3.9 Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Arts following current DEECD curriculum guidelines and VCE Study Designs will form the basis of the curriculum.
3.10 Safe work practices will be systematically taught, encouraged and reinforced in all of the Arts.