



School Council Code of Conduct



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Sale and District Specialist School.

School Council

The School Council of the Sale & District Specialist School acknowledges that it operates within the Education Act and Regulations.

Within these Acts and Regulations the School Council will observe the following principles:-

- The needs of the students will be the primary focus of Council decisions and actions
- The School Community will be informed and consulted and their opinions sought on major policy decisions
- Decisions will be justifiable, accountable and subject to scrutiny.
- Disagreement and/or conflicts within School Council will be resolved within School Council
- Commitment and Loyalty to the school, the staff and the charter will be demonstrated
- School Council will develop policy directions and observe the Principal's right to implement policy in the most appropriate way
- School Council members will be provided with opportunities for training in Council operations and DET policies
- Public comments/statements will be the jurisdiction of the School Council President and Principal
- Members will respect the confidentiality of discussions
- School Council members will declare any potential conflict of interest

Using the following practices, Sale & District Specialist School Council will:-

- Meet a minimum of eight times per year usually twice per term
- Adhere to School Council Standing Orders in relation to meeting procedures and decision making processes
- Form sub-committees to deal with specific needs. Sub-committees will be convened by a Council member but may draw on non-council membership

Role of the Principal

As executive officer of the School Council, the Principal will ensure that:-

- Adequate advice and support is provided to the School Council on educational and other matters.
- Decisions of School Council are implemented.
- Proper records are maintained.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY - Sale & District Specialist School (S&DSS) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. S&DSS has zero tolerance for child abuse.

S&DSS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the diversity of all children, including the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities and vulnerable children. S&DSS is a safe and inclusive school for all people including LGBTIQ people.

Every person involved in S&DSS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.