



# OFFENSIVE MATERIALS OR THEMES

## PURPOSE

To ensure that children are not subjected to materials or themes which may be regarded as offensive or obscene.

## GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

- If the Principal is uncertain of the suitability of materials or themes, School Council should be consulted. School Council in turn should consult with the school community and exercise caution if it is uncertain of the suitability of materials or themes.
- Materials or themes to which children are exposed as part of the curriculum are to be continuously monitored by staff to ensure they are not offensive to students in the school or their parents.
- If the Principal considers that materials or themes to be suitable for students and that a reasonable parent would not find them offensive, they should be available for teachers to include in the curriculum.
- If the Principal or School Council considers the materials or themes are likely to be highly offensive to students or parents, they must not be used irrespective of their educational value.
- Materials or themes to be used for public performance/ displays will be treated in the same terms as those used for curriculum purposes
- Forewarnings issued in relation to slightly or mildly offensive materials or themes to be used for curriculum purposes should inform parents of the nature of the materials or themes which may offend and, that they have the right to object to these.
- Objections from parents in respect of materials or themes for study in school are to be dealt with by the Principal and School Council.

## EVALUATION

This policy is to be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

**Adopted by School Council – June 2012**