

Sale Specialist School

Codes of Practice: School Council

School Council

The School Council of the Sale 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 DEECD 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 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.