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NOISE POLICY

Rationale:

Noise in schools is unavoidable and at times desirable. Excessive or sustained noise however can be aggravating, can be detrimental to teaching and learning, and can cause hearing loss and injury.

Aims:

To manage noise effectively, and to provide an environment that is pleasant, conducive to quality teaching and learning, and that is safe.

Implementation:

- Noise will be monitored at the school as part of the school's regular Occupational Health & Safety workplace inspections.
- All staff and students will be made aware of the effects of noise on themselves and others.
- 'Noise Nasties' and 'Noise Control' posters will be displayed in appropriate locations.
- Minor noise issues that cause aggravation or that interferes with teaching and learning are to be brought to the attention of the principal.
- Noise issues considered to be a safety concern are to be brought to the attention of the OH&S representative and the principal.
- Areas of the school that have the potential to produce excessive noise (eg: Metal work, Wood work, and Instrumental Music areas) will undergo noise monitoring, noise reduction audits and modifications including:
 - The elimination where possible of practices that produce excessive noise.
 - The substitution of noisy practices for less noisy alternatives.
 - The modification or redesign of curriculum or equipment that produce excessive noise.
 - The isolation or enclosure of equipment that generate excessive noise.
 - The use of dampers, baffles, carpets, screens, curtains and noise absorbent materials.
 - Timetable refinements that eliminate clashes of noisy/quiet adjoining classes.
- All staff and students will be provided with appropriate high quality and effective hearing protection.
- All staff members exposed to noise will have their hearing tested in accordance with OH&S (Noise) regulations.
- Where possible, grounds activities such as works projects and grass mowing will be restricted to out-of-school hours.

Evaluation:

To be reviewed as part of the school's annual Occupational Health & Safety report to School Council.

Approved by School Council – June 2018

To be reviewed – June 2021

Signed: _____
Ian Denson, Principal

Date: _____