

BRUNSWICK SOUTH PS

FINANCE POLICY

Rationale:

- * Effective financial management provides the school with enhanced educational opportunity.

Aims:

- To provide a financially well managed school that grasps financial opportunities and makes decisions that are based on the best educational interests of the students.

Implementation:

- School Council will appoint a 'Finance' subcommittee which will meet monthly and report on issues and present recommendations relating to all financial matters at each council meeting.
- The sub-committee will work closely with the school bursar and the principal who will assume the position of convenor of the Finance sub-committee.
- The sub-committee will liaise with all appropriate school groups to present both individual program budgets and annual budgets for council approval, and monitor and report to council monthly on all receipts, expenditure and commitments against approved budgets, unpaid accounts, investments, and balances held in school accounts.
- The Finance sub-committee will monitor and report monthly on Global Budget reports including current surplus or deficit amounts and anticipated reconciliation balances.
- All revenue and expenditure budgets will be based on the CASES chart of accounts, the school will use the CASES Accounts Receivable module, and all reports to school council will be CASES generated.
- The sub-committee will be responsible for preparing annual financial statements and records for auditing, as well as provide to school council with annual receipt, expenditure and investment statements for public annual reports.
- The sub-committee will be responsible for advising school council on all matters associated with centrally and locally raised funds including the levels of voluntary contributions and levies, sponsorships, DE&T grants, contributions, trusts and local cooperatives.
- The Finance sub-committee will be responsible for managing any investment accounts consistent with school council's Investment policy.
- Finance sub-committee members will declare any pecuniary or conflict of interest prior to partaking in any decision making process, and will be vigilant in providing robust and thorough internal control procedures.
- School bank accounts may only be opened, operated or closed with the written authority of the school council.
- The sub-committee is actively encouraged to second extra members with additional expertise at times of major projects and to engage consultants when desirable.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on **14th Sept 2005**