EXCURSIONS AND IN-SCHOOL EVENTS POLICY

RATIONALE
An excursion is defined as a shared experience organised by the school, whereby the students leave the school grounds for the purpose of engaging in school related activities.

An in-school event is defined as a shared experience whereby the school contracts an external organisation or individual for the purpose of engaging the students in extension and/or cultural enrichment activities on the school site.

It is desirable that each student be given the opportunity to gain knowledge, experience and a sense of achievement through a variety of situations including contact with the out of school environment while at the same time developing social skills, responsibilities and independence.

PURPOSE
• To provide experiences to encourage and support learning
• To enable students to develop confidence in their ability to cope purposefully and adequately in different environments

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
1. All organisational details should conform to the current Department of Education and Training guidelines
2. The number of excursions and in-school events is balanced against the requirements of the educational program, as determined by the teaching staff
3. All students will have access to all relevant events in keeping with the school's Access and Equity Policy
4. Where possible, excursions and in-school events are to be spread evenly throughout the year
5. Parents are to be provided with adequate prior notification of planned events
6. Annual 'Walking Excursion Notices' completed by parents will allow students to go on local area excursions under appropriate supervision
7. Students and accompanying adults will wear school approved identification tags when deemed appropriate
8. Buses with seat belts are a requirement for transport outside the metropolitan area

9. Parent assistance should be encouraged (with the proviso that they are not accompanied by toddlers)

REVIEW
This policy will be reviewed towards the end of 2012.