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|  | **EXTERNAL PROVIDER POLICY** |

**BASIC BELIEFS**

External providers allow students to access a wide variety of exra curricula activities and support services through the school environment. Students should be provided with the opportunity to participate in additional activities to support their learning and development.

**AIMS**

* To provide students with the opportunity to participate in programs that are linked to social, cultural and educational outcomes for students.
* To reinforce and extend classroom learning.
* To provide a program that delivers skills and knowledge that may lead to a lifelong involvement in worthwhile pursuits.
* To provide a program that promotes self-esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgement, cooperation and tolerance.

**GUIDELINES FOR ACTION**

* All providers and programs must be approved by the Principal.
* The principal or their nominee will ensure that providers have a current Working With Children’s Check and public liability insurance.
* Consideration must be given for the timetabling and venues of additional activities, including private instrumental lessons and para medical professional therapy session, in conjunction with the principal and teachers.
* Providers must adhere to DEECD guidelines.

**Organisation**

* The provider must liaise with the principal to set up the program.
* Provider must provide evidence of working with children check and relevant insurance policies.
* Planning for timetabling and venues causing minimal disruption to students and school programs will be considered.
* Students may be offered access to programs if relevant to their age/ interests / referrals.

**EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.