Nathalia Primary School
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
POLICY

Rationale:
* Staff and students have the right to work and play in a school environment that is safe, secure, attractive and stimulating.

Aims:
• To ensure that the school’s buildings and surrounds are maintained and further developed in a safe, secure and attractive manner.
• To monitor, update and implement both short and long term plans for buildings and grounds improvement.

Implementation:
• School Council will appoint a ‘Buildings and Grounds’ subcommittee which will meet and report on issues and present recommendations relating to buildings and grounds matters at each council meeting. The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee will appoint a member to report back to the principal.
• The sub-committee will be responsible for organising working bees for grounds development projects. The principal and business manager will be responsible for organising contracts for grounds and building maintenance.
• The sub-committee is required to consult the approved school council ‘Master Plan’ and the ‘Grounds Development Plan’ prior to embarking upon any facilities or grounds improvement projects for the year.
• All matters associated with buildings maintenance, including audits, tenders and works associated with maintenance funding, will be coordinated by the office staff and they will consult with the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee.
• The office staff will coordinate major and minor projects funded either locally or by the Department of Education in consultation with the Building and Grounds sub-committee.
• All contracts, including cleaning contracts, waste disposal and service contracts will be coordinated by the principal and business manager in consultation with the Building and Grounds sub-committee, as will be any contracts for the hiring of premises or facilities.
• Submissions for additional facilities or disabilities and impairments resource submissions will be coordinated by the principal and business manager in consultation with the buildings and grounds sub-committee.
• The sub-committee is actively encouraged to second extra members with additional expertise at times of major projects, engage consultants when desirable, and is expected to work in close unison with the Finance sub-committee.
• School Council approves the use of workers carrying out community service orders for routine maintenance projects.
• For WorkCover purposes it will be minuted annually that School Council approves the use of volunteer workers to carry out school work and a list of volunteers will be registered for each activity and presented to Council for approval. The visitor’s book will be used at working bees to record volunteers.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.
This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... July 2014