

# VANDALISM

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- Vandalism is an unsightly, expensive and derogatory act that serves no useful purpose. The school will do its best to minimise acts of vandalism. The safe keeping of the school buildings and assets against misuse, theft and damage is the responsibility of school council, all staff and students.

### **Aim:**

- To provide a secure and safe environment that adequately protects the schools buildings and assets from vandalism.
- To provide a balance between adequate security measures and reasonable access for authorised personnel to move freely about the school.

### **Implementation:**

- Neighbouring residents will be encouraged to report suspect out of school behaviour to police.
- All vandalism must be reported by staff and students immediately to the principal class.
- Vandalism or graffiti will be photographed, will be reported to police, and will be immediately removed or replaced.
- Students found to have vandalised school property will be treated in a manner consistent with a major breach of the Student Code of Conduct.
- Students found guilty of vandalism and/or their parents will be liable for costs associated with the replacement or repair of vandalised property.
- The negative effects of vandalism, including the financial and social costs will form part of the curriculum.
- Positive student behaviour in relation to grounds development etc will be highlighted.
- Insurance matters or damage to resources are directed to Liability Management Branch.

### **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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