

# GRAFFITI

## POLICY

### Rationale:

- Graffiti is not art, it is vandalism and therefore a criminal offence which places financial, emotional and time-consuming burdens on our school.

### Aims:

- To provide a pleasant and enjoyable school environment free of graffiti.

### Implementation:

- Graffiti, no matter how minor, is not acceptable at our school.
- All students and parents will be made aware each year that graffiti is unacceptable, and advised as to the disciplinary and criminal consequences of students engaging in graffiti at school.
- All graffiti is to be reported immediately to the school cleaner and the principal.
- All graffiti will be removed as immediately as possible, after being photographed for police.
- Early morning inspections of the school grounds each school day, especially after weekends and holiday periods, will be carried out by the principal class staff to detect and remove graffiti.
- Security lighting, and movement-activated lighting will be installed as appropriate.
- The school buildings will be well maintained, pleasant and free of signs of graffiti or vandalism.
- We will make use of natural surveillance methods such as the involvement of neighbours, the school community and community groups to keep watch and report any suspicious activity.
- We will encourage legitimate use of the school buildings, grounds and facilities outside school hours.
- All significant incidents of graffiti will be reported to the School Council.

### Evaluation:

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

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

**February 2019**