

# Graduation Policy

## **Rationale**

The Graduation Ceremony is a celebration for Year 6 students completing their education at Alphington Primary School. It is an opportunity to acknowledge students' readiness for a successful transition to secondary education. It is hoped students continue to experience success through personal commitment and effort in their future studies.

## **Aims**

To:

- Support the development of confidence and self-esteem in each Year 6 student
- Provide a positive and inclusive event where personal strengths and achievements of all students are acknowledged for all students and their families.

## **Implementation**

1. A Graduation evening is planned for Year 6 students during the last two weeks of school.
2. A Graduation Committee is formed with representatives of the Year 6 teachers, students and parent.
3. The Principal and/or delegate have the responsibility for authorising the program and planning details.
4. At least one Year 5 parent is invited to join the committee for succession planning.
5. The Graduation Committee is responsible for planning, organising and managing the graduation budget.
6. The cost of the evening is to be cost neutral to School Council.
7. The families of each graduating student contribute towards the cost of the evening. Expenses are to be kept to a minimum.
8. The Parents' Association may contribute to the cost of graduation booklets and student awards.
10. Parents are invited to view the formal proceedings and acknowledge each student graduating.
11. A comprehensive presentation is prepared, allowing each child to celebrate their personal endeavours and special achievements.

## **Evaluation:**

The School Council will be responsible for the review of the policy within the life of the School Strategic Plan.

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

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