



Mildura Specialist School No. 5251

School Council

MEMBERSHIP

The School Council consists of members of staff, parent representatives and co-opted members from the community. It meets once a month on the second Monday at 5.30 p.m.

In line with Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) guidelines, the Council has an increasing responsibility for the general running of the school.

CODE OF PRACTICE

The Mildura Specialist School Council acknowledges that it operates within the Education Act and regulations.

1. Within these regulations the School Council will observe the following principles:

- . The needs of the students will be the primary focus of all decision-making
- . The School Community will be informed and consulted, and their opinions will be sought on major policy decisions.
- . Decisions will be justifiable, accountable and subject to scrutiny
- . School Council will develop policy directions and observe the Principal's right to implement policy in the most appropriate way
- . School Council members will be offered support, and opportunities for training in regard to their duties and responsibilities, Council operations and DEECD policies.
- . Public comments/statements will be the responsibility of the Principal and School Council President
- . School Council members will be required to use discretion when involved in matters of a confidential nature.
- . Conflicts within School Council will be resolved with School Council.
- . School Council members will declare conflict of interest where appropriate.

2. Using the following practices, the Mildura Specialist School will:

- . meet a minimum of eight times per year, usually twice per term
- . operate meeting procedures and decision making as detailed in School Council Standing Orders.
- . form sub-committees to deal with specific needs where necessary with the power to co-opt
- . ensure that sub-committees are convened by School Council members, but may draw on non-Council membership

3. Role of Principal

As executive officer of the School Council, the Principal will ensure that:

- . adequate advice is provided to the School Council on educational and other matters
- . decisions of School Council are implemented
- . adequate resources and support are provided for the conduct of Council Meetings.
- . proper records are maintained