



St Munchin's Catholic School

Splitting of Grades

Policy

Rationale

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St Munchin's Catholic School is a double stream primary school with two classes in each grade. At the end of each school year the classes are restructured for the following year.

They are re-grouped to:

- Provide children with the opportunity to work with different classmates
- Enable teachers to split children who have social difficulties
- Provide children with a variety of teaching styles
- Provide children with the opportunity to form new social relationships.
- Consider the learning abilities of each particular child and the class as a whole

Procedure

- Prior to class lists being developed, teachers who have concerns with a child within their class should discuss the situation with the Principal.
- The current class teachers, at the end of the school year, have the initial responsibility of splitting the classes for the following year. This is achieved through collaboration between the class teachers. Teachers are to divide each year group into two even classes with approximately the same number of each gender in each group, according to the criteria listed in the rationale.
- The new class lists are then studied by the Leadership Team, who may again consult the class teachers, and then make alterations to the groupings - taking into account the reasons listed in the rationale.
- Class lists are released to teachers during the handover period at the end of the school year. Class lists are posted on the community notice board one week prior to the end of the school year.
- Parent's requests will only be considered in line with the stated rationale. i.e. Not to provide for long-standing friendships.