

# TIRIMOANA SCHOOL

## ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS POLICY

### RATIONALE:

Students begin school at various times throughout the year determined by their birth date. Every student will be classified in a year level. Time spent in the Y0-Y2 area may vary according to the student's starting date, specific learning needs and social development. The expectation is that each student will spend at least 2 years in the Y0-Y2 area, and one year at each year level thereafter.

### PURPOSES:

1. To ensure that students experience sufficient time in the junior school to prepare them for entry to Year 3.
2. To ensure teachers make appropriate decisions concerning each student's annual progression to the next year level.
3. To ensure that teachers consider each student's best physical, intellectual, emotional and social interests.

### GUIDELINES:

1. Students will be classified at a year level on enrolment. Students who have previously been enrolled at another school will have their classification confirmed on Enrol.
2. The school will only move children out of their year group under exceptional circumstances and after full consultation with parents.
3. The Education Act allows for students to enter school as late as 6 years of age. In these cases, classification will be made in consultation with the parents, Junior School DP, and the Principal. The principle of age appropriate progression will normally apply.
4. From Year 3 onwards, Students will normally progress to the next year level at the end of each school calendar year along with their class peers.
5. The School will only move children out of their year group under exceptional circumstances and after full consultation with parents.

#### 5-Year-old Students

6. Five-year-old students who first begin school in Term 1 will be considered as Year 1 and will move into Year 2 the following calendar year.
7. In general, children who first begin school in Terms 3 and 4 are most likely to enrol as Year 0.
8. Children who first begin school during the first 4 weeks of term 2 will most likely be enrolled as a Year 1 student. This classification will be confirmed by 30 June, by the school looking carefully at the academic, social and physical progress of these children to ensure are a good fit for either Year 1 or Year 0.
9. Parents of the above (number 8) children will be informed of the school procedure during the enrolment process and will be kept informed of the classification of their child.
10. The Ministry of Education has a different classification system. Their system uses the 1st July, but this is used to calculate school funding and should not be confused with the school classification.

### CONCLUSION:

This process should result in appropriate decisions, considering the academic, social and physical progress of these children, to the next year level.