TIRIMOANA SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT POLICY

RATIONALE:

This school is committed to providing for and supporting children with learning difficulties and enrichment needs.

PURPOSES:

- 1. To establish a framework for identification, data collection, programming provision and monitoring of children who require learning support or enrichment.
- 2. To ensure individual learning and behavioural needs are met to the best of the school's ability.
- 3. To ensure there is effective communication and liaison between teachers, parents, special education services and other support agencies to support children with special needs in learning support and enrichment.

GUIDELINES:

- 1. The school will annually appoint a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and will make provision within the annual budget to resource this position.
- 2. The SENCO and SLT meet regularly to co-ordinate and monitor special needs support in the school.
- 3. The Board of Trustees will provide resourcing through the annual budget to support the learning of students with special educational needs.
- 4. The provision of Reading Recovery will be a priority in the annual budget.
- 5. The SENCO will coordinate referrals to the RTLB service and other agencies, where appropriate.
- 6. Children with special abilities may have the opportunity of participating in an extension activities programme for Gifted Learners, depending on resources available.
- 7. The school will maintain a register of students with special learning.
- 8. It is an expectation that teachers will deliver a differentiated learning programme to meet the learning needs of students achieving either well below or well above their peers within the classroom setting.
- 9. Staff will be offered professional learning development, when appropriate to support children with specific learning needs.
- 10. Parents will be informed when children are offered opportunities for learning support or extension and enrichment programmes.

CONCLUSION:

All children have the right to receive appropriate learning support and learning opportunities to cater for individual difference. This includes both learning difficulties and areas of special abilities.