BLOOD SPILLS POLICY

1. Rationale:
1.1 Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood and other body fluid spills minimise the risks of transmission of infectious diseases including bacterial and viral infections.

2. Aims:
2.1 To provide a school environment that uses safe practices in response to blood and other body fluid spills.

3. Implementation:
3.1 All staff at our school will be trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid.
3.2 Charts displaying standard infection controls will be prominently displayed in appropriate places around the school.
3.3 The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves, and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
3.4 The school will provide an adequate first aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant, detergents, disposable latex gloves and paper towel, plastic bags and a sharps dispenser.
3.5 All blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a staff member immediately.
3.6 The ‘blood rule’ in sports and recess/lunch times will be adhered to.
3.7 All blood or body fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to the following standard infection control procedures:
   - put on gloves
   - use paper towels to mop up the blood spill and dispose of them into a plastic bag
   - wash area with warm water and detergent, rinse and dry. Steam clean carpets if necessary.
   - A yellow mop is available in the first aid room to clean up blood spills. This mop is then to be placed in the cleaners cupboard to be properly disinfected.
   - place gloves into plastic bag
   - seal bag and dispose of it in a rubbish bin
   - wash hands in warm soapy water and dry thoroughly if re-usable items/utensils are used rinse with cold water, wash in warm water with disinfectant, rinse in hot water and dry.
3.8 All wounds will be treated, dressed and covered.
3.9 Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids.
3.10 The school will provide children with alternative clothing should their garments be infected with blood or body fluids.
3.11 All parents will be informed by the first aid notification if their child has been treated for first aid.

3.12 The school will carry out routine inspections of the school grounds for dangerous objects such as discarded syringes, and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.

4. Evaluation:
4.1 Policy to be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review process. Policy passed by School Council on 17th June 2013.