JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

1. **Rationale:**
   1.1 Our school is a partnership between teachers, parents, students and the community. Student input into formal decision-making is integral to our mutual success. A formal and structured Junior School Council will provide a forum for students to express their views and have their views heard through a democratic system.

2. **Aims:**
   2.1 To provide students the opportunity to undertake leadership roles and represent fellow students
   2.2 To provide students with access to a democratic system, which supports the introduction of ideas that are expressed through the student community
   2.3 To offer students the avenue in which to support charities for children within the wider community through fundraising events

3. **Implementation:**
   3.1 Each year, the Level 3 and 4 students will conduct student only elections for a Junior School Council (JSC) and other leadership positions.
   3.2 Membership of the JSC must be proportionally representative, providing a balance of girls and boys.
   3.3 Elected members will receive badges, will be recognised in the newsletter, and will receive directions as to their role and basic meeting procedures and protocols.
   3.4 The elected JSC president will chair all JSC meetings.
   3.5 The JSC will meet monthly prior to School Council, or more frequently as required.
   3.6 The opinions expressed by JSC will be carefully considered by the School Council and the principal, and will receive appropriate feedback.
   3.7 JSC will have available, a regular section in the newsletter to report to the community.
   3.8 The JSC president, in partnership with an assigned teacher, will manage the day-to-day coordination of JSC.
   3.9 Once a Term the JSC will raise funds for a children’s charity.

4. **Evaluation:**
   4.1 This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the JSC and School Council as part of the school’s three-year review cycle. Ratified 27th October 2014.