

**SCHOOL NO. 4401 - KATANDRA WEST**

Policy Statement: CURRICULUM - 440 - Mathematics

440 – NUMERACY

Responsibility: Principal and Staff

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in 2015.

1. PURPOSE:

Mathematics is an integral part of everyday living. An important aspect of mathematics learning is developing the ability to apply mathematics in real day-to-day situations.

2. GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 Numeracy will be taught in “real-life” or experiential situations whenever possible.
- 2.2 Risk-taking, error making and problem solving are important components of mathematics.
- 2.3 Maths learning will be an active rather than passive process.
- 2.4 Concrete materials will be used to promote understanding.
- 2.5 Strategies aimed at developing automatic response to number facts will be emphasised.
- 2.6 Mathematics will be taken on a regular basis at each year level. Our aim is an allocation of 5 hours per week for Mathematics whenever possible.
- 2.7 Mathematics resources will be purchased as required to support the course.
- 2.8 AUSVELS outcomes for each level will form the basis of the Maths Program and evaluation.
- 2.9 Assessment in Maths will be an on-going process throughout the year. Anecdotal comments provide a valuable source of information and should be combined with the more traditional forms of assessment and record keeping.
- 2.10 The Principal, in consultation with School Council, may vary this Policy if circumstances require it.