

SCHOOL NO. 4401 - KATANDRA WEST

Policy Statement: MANAGEMENT - 759 Classroom Groups
 759 - CLASSROOM GROUPS

Responsibility: Principal, Staff and School Council.

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in 2015.

1. PURPOSE:

To ensure that classroom groups are established with as equitable a combination of students as is possible. This will help to promote a positive, supportive and secure learning environment. When classroom groups are composed of students with a variety of abilities and interests this can enhance students' learning.

2. GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 Maximum use will be made of available rooms and staff to achieve the smallest possible pupil/teacher ratio.
- 2.2 Each class should include students with a wide variety of abilities and interests.
- 2.3 Composite grades are often necessary to achieve equitable combinations of students.
- 2.4 Classes with students experiencing emotional, social, intellectual or physical difficulties should, where possible, be smaller or receive extra support.
- 2.5 Some children may need to be separated at times, if possible, for reasons of behaviour or to foster independent growth.
- 2.6 Some children may need, for social or emotional reasons, to be placed with a teacher of a particular gender, if possible.
- 2.7 Classroom groups will be formed by the Principal and co-ordinators with input from teachers of the current year level and, where possible, the proposed teachers for the following year.
- 2.8 The Principal, in consultation with School Council, may vary this Policy if circumstances require it.