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Course Development

RATIONALE:

The Macleans College Board of Trustees recognises that if students are to achieve their potential they must have access to quality learning facilities and opportunities.

PURPOSES:

- 1 To provide a curriculum that fulfils the requirements of the New Zealand National Curriculum Framework and the school aims and objectives.
- 2 By the end of Year 10 a student should have had the opportunity to study in all seven essential learning areas and learning programmes in all essential skill areas.
- 3 To provide options in the curriculum based on the surveyed needs of students, parents and caregivers.
- 4 To provide a curriculum that includes the fundamentals of direct teaching of thinking and self directed learning.
- 5 To provide learning programmes which cater for student needs, such as extension, enrichment or additional support.
- 6 To provide learning experiences which encompass co-operation, competition, and links with other educational institutions and community agencies.
- 7 To ensure that the curriculum adapts and develops as the needs of students and community change.
- 8 To ensure student equity in the curriculum.
- 9 To ensure that student course needs are met as far as possible within staffing and financial limits.
- 10 To ensure that all students have access to appropriate career information.

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GUIDELINES:

- 1 Course development policy will be the responsibility of the Board of Studies.
- 2 Course development will take into account staff, student, parental and community interest, as indicated by staff, student, parental and community feedback and surveys.
- 3 Impact of proposed changes on existing courses and staffing will be taken into consideration.
- 4 Submissions for course development should include:
 - Reasons for change
 - Evidence of consultation
 - Outline of proposed course with reference to National Qualifications
- 5 Any proposed changes will be communicated to the staff by the Board of Studies so that suitable staff development may take place.
- 6 Resources for the development of courses and programmes, including staff development, will be made available by the Board of Trustees.

COMMITMENT:

The Macleans College Board of Trustees accepts responsibility for the learning needs of its students and community and pledges to meet these needs within the constraints of resources and in accordance with the National Curriculum.

OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION:

- Computer Policy
- Course Calendar
- Special Abilities Programme Policy
- Subject Choices Policy
- Technology Across the Curriculum
- Board of Studies Minutes