

SCHOOL NO. 4401 - KATANDRA WEST

Policy Statement: **CURRICULUM**

440 – NUMERACY

Responsibility: Principal and Staff

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in October, 2022.

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.

GUIDELINES:

- Numeracy will be taught in “real-life” or experiential situations whenever possible.
- Risk-taking, error making and problem solving are important components of mathematics.
- Maths learning will be an active rather than passive process.
- Concrete materials will be used to promote understanding.
- Strategies aimed at developing automatic response to number facts will be emphasised.
- 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.
- Mathematics resources will be purchased as required to support the course.
- Victorian Curriculum outcomes for each level will form the basis of the Maths Program and evaluation.
- 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.
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities will be offered wherever possible.
- The Principal, in consultation with School Council, may vary this Policy if circumstances require it.