

	Policy:	Composition of Classes Policy
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Rationale:

At Mater Christi the classes are constructed on a yearly basis and in the best interests of the children. In a three-stream school there is a need to provide a balance between gender, friendship groups and compatibility. Teachers have excellent knowledge of how the children relate, work and socialise in current classes and in the playground, and all of this information is used in the composition of classes. Our policy is based on the Christian principles of honouring and respecting each individual's goodness and that our Christian faith is built on a relationship with Jesus. Through this we can seek to develop Gospel values through our relationships with each other.

Principles:

1. Children will be regrouped at the end of each year.
2. Issues between children in 99% of cases occur outside of the classroom and such issues will not influence the grouping of children.
3. As we can experience movement of families (and staff members) in and out of the school community over the Christmas holidays the school reserves the right to make any adjustments to the class lists.

Procedure:

1. Children are regrouped at the end of each year.
2. Teachers will regroup children mindful of the rationale and principles.
3. Parents with valid concerns regarding the grouping of children may make written requests to the Principal outlining the exceptional circumstances. In the event that the circumstances are seen to have merit, the Principal will direct teachers to group children mindful of the request.
4. The school makes the final decision about which class the student is placed in.
5. Classes, and their teachers for the following year will be made public the Friday following the Annual School Community Meeting
6. Any documentation used to regroup students e.g. friendship flowers, sociograms, will be kept for future reference.
7. Such documentation should require students to select a minimum of **five** options of friends to be regrouped with in the following year.