

Matauri Bay School



Policy:

Promotion

Background

Children generally start school on or just after their 5th birthday, since birthdays are spread throughout the year, by the end of their first school year some children will have had a full year's schooling, and others only a month. The latter children would be at a considerable disadvantage during the next year's schooling if they were to be promoted to the next class level. On the other hand there is evidence to suggest that deliberately not promoting a child who is at the appropriate age for the next class is not in the best interest of the child.

Purpose:

1. To ensure that children are moved from one class level to the next in a way that takes into account the length of time they have been in school.
2. To identify possible exceptions to the rule.
3. To have a frame work for deciding what to do with possible exceptions.

Guidelines:

1. Children who start school before the end of May will be promoted to Y2 in the following year.
2. Children who start after that time will be classified as Y1 in the following year, except if they start in the first half of June and are doing sufficiently well under the criteria below to be considered as having put in a 'complete' year.
3. Where the teachers feel there may be cause to make an exception, either to promote or not to promote, they will assess quickness in settling in, quickness in learning, attendance record, language development, ability to get along with younger/children.
4. If the teachers feel after making these assessments that serious consideration should be given to making an exception to the rule, the principal will invite the parents to a conference, at which the pros and cons as seen by the teachers will be outlined.
5. A consensus decision will be aimed for at the meeting.
6. If a child is enrolled at school for the first time at significantly older than five, a decision will be made to class placement after two years at school, by conference between parents and teachers.

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(Replacing earlier policy, Pre March 1995)

Reviewed: