

## **OKAIHAU COLLEGE POLICY: Curriculum**

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### **Rationale:**

The Okaihau College Curriculum states how the school will put into practice the National Curriculum statements and School-based Course statements taking into account local needs, priorities and resources. It sets out the learning experiences through which students can develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values defined in these statements.

### **Purpose:**

- To conform to the National Curriculum Guidelines
- To implement, where resources permit, the curriculum needs of the community.
- To attempt to meet the needs of every student including those with special needs.
- To inform parents/caregivers of the subjects/courses available including the level of study and the progression throughout the school.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Within the National Guidelines the respective Heads of Department/Teachers in Charge of subjects will develop schemes appropriate to their curriculum area. The HOD/TIC will evaluate and modify where appropriate programmes and scheme regularly.
2. A master file of all schemes will be maintained by the Principal and will be regularly reviewed and updated.
3. In the delivery of the curriculum to students the school will make the optimum use of timetable allocations, resources and staffing to ensure option availability and progression throughout the school (Refer to timetabling procedures).
4. The school will provide parents/caregivers and students with current information on subjects and careers to enable appropriate option planning and counselling to occur.
5. Following option counselling students in Years 9 – 13 will be surveyed for their choices and an option structure developed that best accommodates the option choices of the majority of students.
6. A curriculum guide will be produced each year outlining the subjects offered, subject and course content and their progression throughout the school.
7. Students and parents/caregivers will be provided with an outline of the work to be covered for each subject level at the beginning of each course of study.

### **Conclusion:**

The Curriculum musts reflect the needs of all students on the Okaihau community while conforming to National Guidelines.