

Curriculum Policy

A policy of the Western Springs College Board of Trustees

Purpose:

To provide an education which fulfils the aspirations of the New Zealand Curriculum, the National Education Goals and the WSC Charter.

Policy:

1. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Senior Management Team on curriculum issues. These will be based on:
 - a. The New Zealand Curriculum
 - b. The National Education Guidelines
 - c. The requirements of the Treaty of Waitangi
 - d. The local curriculum needs at Western Springs College, reflecting
 - i. the special nature of our community and the needs of different ethnic and cultural groups.
 - ii. the needs identified by a self-review programme of the educational value of new and existing courses and of students needs.
2. The WSC curriculum will provide the opportunity for students to achieve their academic potential in accordance with the vision and the values of the NZC.
3. Through ongoing professional development teachers will be supported to integrate the *Effective Pedagogies* of the NZC into their teaching practice.
4. Clear guidelines concerning the implementation of the NZC will be included in each department scheme.
5. The school will identify barriers to learning and will seek to overcome these barriers so that all students will have equality of educational opportunity.
6. Gifted and talented students will be catered for by extension, acceleration and differentiation within the existing curriculum framework, through specialist courses within the junior option structure, and by withdrawal groups.

7. Students' progress will be monitored and progress will be reported to parents/caregivers, in accordance with the requirements of NAGs 1 and 2.
8. The curriculum will enable students to achieve national qualifications and will provide pathways for students to progress to higher levels of qualification.
9. An appropriate programme of career guidance will be provided for students.
10. Course choices and course changes will be made in consultation with relevant staff, and parents/caregivers.

Related Documents

- New Zealand Curriculum
- National Education Guidelines
- WSC Charter
- NZQA guidelines
- WSC student course book
- WSC Assessment policy
- Departmental schemes

Ratified by Board: 6th December 2010

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