POLICY NO: 12

POLICY ON RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION

AIMS

- To help young people develop healthy friendships and relationships.
- To promote a positive, healthy and mature understanding of sexuality.
- To enable students to develop healthy attitudes and values towards their sexuality in a moral, spiritual and social framework.

FORMULATION OF POLICY

RSE policy shall be formulated by the RSE co-ordinator in consultation with the Pastoral Care Committee and school management in accordance with Dept of Education & Science guidelines and school ethos.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

- Devise, implement and evaluate teaching programs for RSE.
- RSE will form part of the wider framework of Social, Personal and Health Education and will be allocated approx. 6 class periods per year.
- Work with support agencies and structures outside the school.
- Communicate policy and procedure to staff, parents and pupils.
- Parents reserve the right to request withdrawal of their child from the programme.

MONITORING PROCEDURES

- The RSE team will meet regularly to review programme and devise material and methodologies.
- The Pastoral Care Committee will be informed on a regular basis as to how the programme is being implemented.
- Principal and Deputy Principals will review programme with RSE co-ordinator and evaluate implementation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- That quality work is presented and RSE is beneficial to each student.
- That each student acquires knowledge and understanding of attitudes, beliefs and values.
- That parents, staff and students are satisfied that student is benefiting from the programme.

REVIEW PROCEDURES

- Policy is reviewed annually by Principal, Deputy Principals and RSE team.
- Views, experiences and ideas will be sought from teachers.
- Evaluation from staff & students will be sought in relation to specific events, talks, workshops.