

# **POLICY: PUPIL PLACEMENT/PROMOTION**

## **RATIONALE:**

**Huntermville School believes all children's learning needs should be catered for within their age group class. This policy attempts to clarify the procedures to be used when placing a pupil in a class.**

## **PURPOSE:**

1. To clarify a promotion/retention policy throughout the school and to ensure consistency & uniformity.
2. To ensure the age range in any one class level is only approximately one year.

## **GUIDELINES:**

1. Children should remain in the Junior school (Yr 1-3) no longer than three years and seven months and no less than two years and eight months before promotion into the year 4 class.
2. Although there is a need to be flexible, relocation/promotion should be restricted to children whose birthdays occur in the month of May / June.
3. New entrant children entering school after July 1 will be considered Year 0 for the remainder of that year.
4. For children whose birthdays fall in May/June there is scope for consultation with parents as to their promotion.
5. Retention of any child should not occur without regard to:
  - a) Why retention is being employed.
  - b) The needs of the child being paramount.
  - c) Future strategies for that child's development.

## **CONCLUSION:**

Every endeavour is to be made to cater for children within their age group.

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