Rationale:
- Active and effective participation in Australian society depends on the ability to speak, listen, read, view and write with confidence, purpose and enjoyment. The study of English, and the broader concept of literacy, is about the appropriate and effective use of language, the use of language as a means of learning and the development of knowledge about language.

Aims:
The English program aims to teach students to:
- learn to listen to, read, view, speak, write, create and reflect on increasingly complex and sophisticated spoken, written and multimodal texts across a growing range of contexts with accuracy, fluency and purpose
- appreciate, enjoy and use the English language in all its variations and develop a sense of its richness and power to evoke feelings, convey information, form ideas, facilitate interaction with others, entertain, persuade and argue
- understand how Standard Australian English works in its spoken and written forms and in combination with non-linguistic forms of communication to create meaning
- develop interest and skills in inquiring into the aesthetic aspects of texts, and develop an informed appreciation of literature

Implementation:
- English is an essential learning area of the Australian Curriculum.
- All Foundation to Year 10 students at our school will study sequential English courses based upon the content descriptions contained within the Australian Curriculum English learning area.
- All teachers are required to work with their respective professional learning teams, sections and faculties to contribute to the development and implementation of a viable, guaranteed and sequential English course for all students and to implement student needs based lessons using agreed planning templates, assessment tools and lesson structures.
- Student’s individual abilities will be measured and reported against the expected Australian Curriculum achievement standards, particularly at the commencement of each unit of work, and learning opportunities must be provided that cater for the identified needs of each student.
- Student progress in English will be reported in half and end of year academic reports, as well as the school’s Annual Report.
- Reading Recovery will be available for all year 1 students identified as ‘at risk’.
- Intervention programs will be provided for all students at all year levels identified as ‘at risk’
- English activities that reflect the topics being studied at school, and are appropriate to each child’s ability, will form a regular component of each student’s homework regime.
- Budgets that provide for the needs of the English program will be developed by the English coordinator in consultation with all staff members and resourced by school council.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by school council on the 25th of August 2014

This policy is due for review in 2016