RATIONAL
The St Joseph’s Catholic School Board acknowledges that the school is a learning community that promotes life-long learning through the provision of quality educational opportunities for its students. A limitation on class size is an important consideration for the educational well-being of students and staff. In understanding and implementing current educational learning theory and practice, teachers are supported by a policy that advocates a balanced process that is clearly defined.

AIMS
• To acknowledge the need for flexibility in the size of classes in order to allow optimum balance between educational considerations and actual class sizes.
• To sustain programs and resources considered to be of educational priority.

PROCEDURES
• The Principal will give due consideration and show discretion in applying this policy to:
  o The composition of classes.
  o The placement in classes of children with special educational needs.
  o The experience and expertise of teaching staff.
• Flexibility in applying class size limits will be considered to sustain the following important educational opportunities for students: Learning Support Programs; Library; Information and Communications Technology; Music; Physical Education; LOTE (Languages other than English) and Arts programs.
• The Principal is required to undertake some teaching but is freed from specific classroom teaching responsibilities.

• Mindful of the above considerations, and with the discretion of the Principal, the optimum upper limit of class sizes are proposed thus:
  
  24 children per class in Kindergarten
  
  25 children per class in Preparatory to Grade 2
  
  28 children per class in Grades 3-6.

• The Principal shall present to the School Board from time to time a report on the effectiveness, implementation and implications of the class size policy.

• The Principal shall present the predicted class numbers for the ensuing year to the November School Board Meeting.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the St Joseph’s Catholic School policy review cycle.

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