

# INDUCTION OF NEW STUDENTS POLICY

## **Rationale:**

The Wahgunyah Primary School community welcome newcomers to the school and endeavour to make them feel part of our community.

## **Implementation:**

- Staff are to welcome new students.
- The Principal is to speak to new parents in a courteous, welcoming manner either on an individual or group basis (e.g. new Foundation students).
- Students are to have a buddy who will look out for them for a reasonable period of time. Foundation students are to have a buddy for their first year of school
- The school Information Booklet will be distributed to parents of new children.
- New students will be welcomed via the fortnightly newsletter.
- Foundation families will receive the fortnightly newsletter during 4<sup>th</sup> term preceding their entry.
- Foundation orientation sessions will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> term each year, 2 days from 9-11am and 1 day from 9-1pm, and 1 full day. The Principal will meet with all parents the first transition day for an informal morning tea. A question session will be encouraged.
- At the beginning of each new school year a social event will be held to welcome new parents to the school

## **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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