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Sensitive Expenditure |

Introduction

1. The Board of Trustees has a responsibility to ensure that all expenditure of board funds is clearly linked to the business of the school and that no individual or group of individuals (staff or pupils) gains unreasonable and/or personal benefit from those funds.
2. At times there are expenses which may be considered to be beneficial only to individuals or small groups of individuals, such as expenses in relation to travel (especially international travel), or to koha, gifts and other payments to individuals. Any such expenditure will be scrutinised before approval by the Principal or if relating to the Principal by the Board (refer Delegations Authority Policy).
3. Any proposed expenditure which may benefit individuals or groups of individuals will be backed by funds which have been raised for the purpose. The funds will be raised with a full understanding of their purpose known to those contributing the funds – such as parents or other funding sources (eg. Charities). The funds raised will cover all costs (including travel and accommodation costs for teachers who may be involved).
4. As a State Integrated School, the Board of Trustees requires that all aspects of this policy be guided by the Special Character Policy.

Authorising Sensitive Expenditure

The board requires the Principal to take account of the following principles prior to authorising expenditure which may be beneficial to an individual or group:

- Does the expenditure benefit student outcomes?
- Does the expenditure represent the best value for money?
- Is it in the expenditure budget?
- Could the board justify this expenditure to a taxpayer, parent or other interested party?
- How would the public react if this expenditure was reported by the media?
- Would there be, or perceived to be, any personal gain from this expenditure?
- Does this expenditure occur frequently?

All expenditure which is incurred on behalf of individuals or groups of individuals will be fully accounted for and a separate income statement for management reporting purposes showing all funds raised and expenditure incurred will be provided to the Board Finance Committee.

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Name	
Position	
Signed on behalf and with the authority of the Board	Original signed by Board Chair
Date	
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