

CLASSROOM RELEASE TIME POLICY

Biblical Reference

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for others, as you still do.

National Administration Guideline

NAG 3

Rationale

The settlement of the 2004 Primary Teacher's Collective Agreement contained provision for the introduction of classroom release time, effective from Term 4, 2005. The settlement requires that each school prepare a policy for use of CRT.

Purpose

- The intent of CRT to address teacher workload while maximising benefits for student learning.
- The use of CRT will be professionally useful for the schools' teaching and learning programme, the teacher's professional growth and the learning needs of the students.

Guidelines

- Use of CRT: This policy contains a list of the most common uses for the CRT in our school. The list may be amended from time to time through consultation with teachers. Principal and individual teachers may also agree to other uses from time to time.

In our school CRT will be used for:

- Planning
- Evaluation
- Reporting
- Personal professional development
- Observing other teachers
- Assessment
- Any other use agreed to from time to time between teacher and principal.

Allocation of CRT

The teacher will be allocated 2 days per term.

When CRT cannot be provided for genuine reasons

Where for genuine reasons, during term planning or at short notice, it is not possible to provide CRT to an individual teacher, the school will:

- Record the reason for non-delivery
- Endeavour to reallocate the CRT at a later date in that school year
- Review the policy if required
- Use the record of non-delivery when reviewing the policy



Assessment and review

This policy will be assessed and reviewed as part of the Board's review cycle.

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