



## Operational Policy 21 Use of Symbols and Icons Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to authorise the display of visual imagery within school grounds and in areas where our school staff have responsibility for the area in a permanent or temporary nature (such as school camps). It serves to ensure that all visual imagery is consistent with the values of the school's special character while at the same time prohibiting iconology that is inappropriate.

### Definition of Symbols and Icons

Symbols and icons refer to all visual imagery that contains symbolism. Typically such symbolism can be interpreted in social, religious or political terms.

### Requirements for symbols and icons

All visual displays within our schools or in areas where our school staff have responsibility for the area in a permanent or temporary nature should be consistent with the values of the school and our special character.

Images used in classroom displays are at the discretion of teachers providing they meet the above requirements for symbols and icons.

A temporary exception may be granted where the display is for educational purposes aligned to the curriculum and does not glorify or promote values that are inconsistent with the school's special character.

Any visual imagery that students wish to display must be approved by a teacher and must meet the requirements for symbols and icons.

Any questions about the suitability of any symbols and icons should be referred to the Principal or their delegate. The Proprietor's Coordinator of Special Character can provide advice to Principals where required.

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Signed:

On behalf of, and with the authority of the School Board on

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Presiding Member: Peter Wilding  
(Name)

Next review date: July 2027