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Teaching of Writing Policy

**AIM**

All students will develop the strategies required to be confident and independent writers for purpose and enjoyment.

**PURPOSE**

* Writing is a highly valued communication skill.
* Writing is taught using the VCOP and Big Write program.
* All students from Prep to year 6 should be exposed to a variety of genre.
* Neat and fluent handwriting is highly valued to ensure effective communication.
* Students learn best as they compose texts that are meaningful to them.

**GUIDELINES**

1. Handwriting will be modelled in all year levels.
2. Inclusion of language experience strategies for ESL students.
3. Assessment will be following the VCOP and Big Write principles, there will be 6 Cold Writes per year P-6 these will be assessed and results places on cold write tracker.
4. The VCOP and Big Write program will be followed from P-6.
5. P-6 will have a Big Write once per week, with this topic being sent home the night before and advertised in the school newsletter.
6. Big Talk is an expectation of all students at CPS.
7. Students will demonstrate how to edit and set goals from their own text each week.
8. Teachers will convey expectations that the student will be experimenting and constantly working to improve their skills as a writer.
9. Students will be provided with a supportive learning environment – predictable and well-known daily routines.
10. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of text types in a sequential structured program.
11. New communication technologies will be used for engaging student motivation and interest and for developing new literacies.

This policy will be reviewed annually by School Council to confirm/enhance controls.

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John Bovalina – School Council President

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