Rationale

Schools should regularly promote students to the next year level with their peer group.  Schools use their professional expertise and judgment in relation to these matters.

Purpose

* To ensure that all children have access to high quality education.
* To ensure Charles La Trobe College abides by the provisions of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.
* To ensure the school complies with DET policy and guidelines.

Implementation

The school will:

* regularly promote students to the next year level with their peer group
* retain students only in exceptional circumstances that considers the long-term academic benefit to the student and the student’s social and welfare needs
* advise parents/guardians fully of the options that they consider best meet individual student needs
* abide by the final decision of parents even when that decision goes against the advice of the school
* avoid practices and policies that have the effect of restricting admission or forcing students to transfer or withdraw
* Please refer also to the school’s Admission Policy and the Student Engagement Policy.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle or if guidelines change (latest DET update mid-April 2015).

Ratification

This update was ratified by College Council on 15th February, 2018.

Reference

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/pages/attendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/pages/attendance.aspx)