Flexible Learning Options
Referral Guidelines

Purpose
These guidelines provide the eligibility criteria by which students will be accepted for the Flexible Learning Options (FLO) program.

Goals
To ensure that only eligible students are accepted into the FLO program.
To clearly set out the eligibility criteria for the FLO program.

As the goal of FLO is to reengage students with mainstream education, students will eventually transition back to mainstream classes at MEC

Policy
1. The student must be enrolled at Maryborough Education Centre Students and must be aged between 11 and 14 years of age.
2. The student and parent/carer must agree to participate in the program
3. The student must be determined to be disengaged or disengaging from education by the principal or delegate.
   This may be a result of:
   • Extreme Behaviours
   • High Absenteeism
   • Health Issues
4. The student must be willing to improve Attendance and meet attendance requirements
5. The Student Support Service Officers (SSSO) and/or external agencies are involved in the referral process
6. The student and parent/carer must be willing to support cognitive and behavioural assessment as requested
7. Signed consent forms for SSSO and Assessments Australia are to be completed prior to being deemed eligible
8. The student must be willing to undertake school work that is matched to their abilities
9. The student and parent/carer must commit to the development of the student’s Individual Education Plan and attendance at the Student Support Group Meeting each term.
10. The student must agree to maintain a safe, respectful learning environment for themselves and other students
11. The student must agree to adhere to MEC behavioural policies and processes when undertaking activities and excursions
12. The principal may exercise discretion with respect to any aspect of this policy.
13. The student must be willing to work towards reengagement with mainstream education as determined by the FLO Coordinator and 7-12 Assistant Principal.

14. The 7-12 Assistant Principal will initialise the FLO Induction process for all eligible students

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on Wednesday 20th September 2017

Signed:

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