Year 12 Graduation Policy

# Responsibility: Principal

# Effective date: 31/07/2023

# Next review: 18/08/2025

# Ratified by School Council: 18/08/2025

# Target audience: Staff of Acacia Hill School, Year 12 students and families

# Purpose

This document outlines the process for the finishing up at Acacia for Senior Years students.

# Background

In previous years, students exited Acacia Hill School after the Graduation Ceremony in Week 10 Term 3. However, after frequent requests from families for students to remain until the end of Term 4, clarification that in other NT special schools, students remain until the end of Term 4, and support from School Council, this policy has been amended.

# Procedures

*Transition From School Plans*

• On enrolment in a Middle Years class, students, their guardians and all stakeholders discuss post school options. Most students begin participation in a work readiness program.

• Up to two years prior to graduation, students and guardians develop Individual Transition Plans, incorporating appropriate work experience skill development, with regular opportunities to review and refine plans.

• High sensory needs students’ plans incorporate post school option experiences if possible.

*When does a student graduate*

• Students graduate from Acacia Hill School when they are in Year 12 or have completed 26 semesters of schooling.

• Usually, students graduate in the year that they turn 18.

*Timing of Graduation Ceremony and exit from school*

• A formal Graduation Ceremony is held for exiting Year 12 students in the last week of Term 3 each year. The ceremony is held in Term 3 so a memorable formal event can be organised. Term 4 is very busy with Year 6 graduation, Whole School Awards Ceremony and School Concert.

• Students receive a Graduation Certificate from Acacia Hill School which lists their learning achievements.

• Students exit from Acacia Hill School on the final day of Term 4.