

## **Birthdays Policy**

### **1 Purpose**

One of the milestones each year for students is celebrating their birthday. Celebrating student birthdays is important and should be acknowledged. The Sheffield Private School is an Open Learning Environment therefore student birthdays are celebrated within Learning Communities.

### **2 Scope**

To ensure that birthday celebrations are conducted in such a way that the safety and well-being of students does not conflict or interfere with the school's education programmes.

### **3 Implementation**

- Birthdays are a special occasion acknowledged by singing the Happy Birthday song by their peers and the child can blow out candles on a cake via the interactive white board. The child will be given a birthday badge/sticker to wear for the day.
- Students will be made to feel 'special' on their birthday in different ways suitable to their age group.
- The safety and health of our students is of utmost importance therefore food treats are not an option for birthdays.
- Student birthday's which occur over the weekend, will have their birthday acknowledged on the following Sunday.
- Birthday cakes and related birthday food will not be permitted for sharing at school as it is exceedingly difficult to verify the ingredients in every food product that is brought to school. We have students with a wide range of moderate, severe, or life threatening allergies to various food products.
- Any birthday party celebrations will need to remain out of school.

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