Memorandum of Understanding
Illawarra Partners in Education (iPie)

iPie is a consortium of three local high schools - Figtree, Illawarra Sports and Warrawong. iPie is a curriculum expansion strategy between the three schools to better address student engagement and retention. Specifically, iPie aims to enhance the education and vocational opportunities available to students across the three schools.

iPie caters for approximately 2400 students and their families, plus it has extensive community involvement across the three campuses. Every year approximately 450 students exit from the combined campuses, to either enter the workforce, or other post school education and training destinations.

iPie is overseen by a Board of Managers with three representatives from each school. The Board of Managers meets regularly and provides direction around an agreed five year plan. The Board of Managers provides direction among the three schools to explore and implement specific strategies:

- Share curriculum across a range of subjects which may not be able to run at all or only at some of the schools in a particular year
- Vocational education and School to Work through the operation of a trade training centre involving shared facilities between the three schools. This will also involve co-operation with TAFE Illawarra and a range of local employers and associated government and non-government supporting organisations
- Teacher professional development and collaboration in the classroom (all teachers) and in school leadership and management (Head Teachers)

iPie is an agreement between the three schools to meet regularly and work collaboratively towards these goals. This will involve exploring joint timetabling through the alignment of school organisation such as bell times, period length, sport and Stage 5 VET. This will involve the use of connected classroom technology and the movement of students between schools and to local TAFE and employer providers.

This memorandum of understanding will be reviewed annually to confirm that it best reflects the current status of the partnership between the three schools. The memorandum is endorsed by the NSW Department of Education & Training through the School Education Director responsible for the three schools involved in the iPie consortium.

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