



VISITORS POLICY

General Statement:

- We seek to provide an open and friendly learning environment which values and actively encourages visitors to our school. At the same time we recognise our duty of care to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff, and we recognise our responsibility to protect and preserve our resources against theft, vandalism and misuse.

Aims:

- To provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and resources.
- To establish protocols and procedures that effectively monitors and manages visitors, whilst not compromising the open and inviting nature of our school.

Implementation:

- Whilst we actively encourage an inviting and open school, the safety of our students, staff and resources remain our highest priorities.
- Visitors are defined as all people other than staff members, students, and parents/guardians involved in the task of delivering or collecting children at the start or end of the school day.
- All visitors will be required to report to the administration office prior to undertaking any activity within the school, where they will be required to sign a "Visitors" log and will be assigned a "Visitors" badge which they must wear at all times within the school. Similarly, visitors will be required to report to the administration office at the end of their visit to return their badge and to "sign out" in the Visitors log.
- Visitors will be provided with directions, and will be made aware of any construction works etc that may impact upon their safety or comfort.
- The above mentioned process for managing and monitoring visitors will be regularly published in the school newsletter.
- Visitors within the school who have failed to follow this process will be reminded to do so.
- Under the Summary Offences Act 1966, the principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within

the school, and also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside school operating hours (8.40am-3.45pm).

- OSHC services are provide for students who cannot be collected by 3.45pm, or who arrive prior to 8.40am.

The school's emergency management procedures will ensure that visitors within the school at the time of any emergency or practice drill will be recognised and be appropriately catered for.

Children exiting during school day

The established procedure is as follows during class time:

- Parent/ guardian is to report to the office and complete the sign out log
- Principal/ delegate will issue and sign an Authorisation Form for early departure.
- Parent/ Guardian provide the class teacher with the Authorisation Form and collects child.

The established procedure is as follows during recess/ lunch time:

- Parent/ guardian make contact with teacher on duty.
- Teacher on duty directs parent to school office.
- Parent/ guardian completes the sign out book
- Principal/ delegate will issue and sign an Authorisation Form for early departure and ensure classroom teacher receives this form.

These procedures are highlighted in orientation briefings with new parents and Prep parents. They are also highlighted in the St Patrick's Murrumbeena Parent Information Book. On an annual basis a reminder is published in the school newsletter.

This policy is due to be reviewed in 2019.