



# VISITORS

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## RATIONALE

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 who seek to enter our school 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.
- Visitors, other than emergency services or various emergency children's services agencies are required to make prior appointments to be approved to visit the school.
- 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" book 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 book.
- Visitors engaging in child-related work, (whether direct contact with a child is supervised by another person or not), require a valid WWC check.
- Direct Contact includes oral, written or electronic communication as well as face-to-face and physical contact with children.
- Visitors will be provided with directions, an induction if necessary, and will be made aware of any construction works etc that may impact their safety or comfort.
- Information regarding the above-mentioned process for managing and monitoring visitors is available from the Office.
- Visitors within the school who have failed to follow this process will be redirected to the school office by a staff member, where the issue will be resolved.
- Under the Summary Offences Act 1966 and subsequent amendments, 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.
- 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.

## Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle, and at times when our emergency management procedures are under review.