

COMMUNICATION OF SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Rationale

The policies of Lysterfield Primary School guide and describe the main processes, functions and operations of the school. The development and review of policies is part of an agreed process to ensure that key stakeholders are part of the consultation and review process.

Aim

To ensure that Lysterfield Primary School policies frame and accurately reflect the school operations, directions and goals and meet all legislative, compliance and duty of care requirements.

Implementation

- The policies describe the rationale, aims and implementations of the operations and directions of the school as a whole.
- The process of considering school policies will be managed by the Principal, will be a continuous cycle and will use a transparent and consultative process.
- New policies will be added and modified to reflect the growth and evolution of the school.
- All policies will use the school policy layout, meet legislative and compliance requirements, and have a designated review period
- When developing a new policy, the Principal (or nominee) will consult with appropriate personnel in order to draft the initial policy statement. The draft policy may be circulated for comment to the appropriate committee(s), to staff members, and/or parents and students before ratification by School Council.
- Policies will be developed taking into account DET policies, memos and circulars relating to a particular policy area.
- A database of policies and a review schedule to provide a timeline for reviews, either annually or on a three-year basis, is to be maintained.
- When reviewing an existing school policy as per the three-year review cycle, the Principal will consult with staff and the appropriate Committee(s), before presenting to School Council for ratification.
- Changes as a result of policy developments and / or reviews will be widely advised to students, staff and parents.
- Staff will be given opportunity to provide input into the policy development or review process.

Lysterfield Primary School Policy Statement

- The focus of all school policies remains the needs of Lysterfield Primary School students and school operations.
- Any concerns relating to the structure of the school should be directed to the Principal or School Council president.
- Relevant Lysterfield Primary School Policies are available publicly on the school website at <http://www.lysterps.vic.edu.au/page/208/Policies>