

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS AND FACILITIES POLICY

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Rationale:

To promote the school as an integral part of the local community. Community sharing of grounds and facilities is desirable and should be encouraged.

Aims:

To encourage community use of school grounds and facilities without compromising the needs of the school.

Implementation:

1. Community groups wishing to use school grounds and facilities must apply (in writing) to the Principal. Each application will be judged on its own merits.
2. The school should not be financially disadvantaged as a result of any community use of school grounds and facilities.
3. Community groups using school grounds and facilities must abide by all legal responsibilities i.e. insurance liability, damages, cleaning etc. as determined by School Council and an appropriately signed License agreement provided through the Department Of Education And Childhood Development's legal branch.
4. A security bond will apply to regular hirers (eg. basketball clubs for weekly training purposes) at the discretion of School Council.
5. All groups will be charged a set standard rate depending on the weekly/term basis to cover the operating costs of the facilities. The Principal reserves the right to offer a reduced rate to community/non-profit organisations for non-school events which can be demonstrated to benefit the school as a whole. (School events are defined as events organised by the school, or for the purposes of school fundraising)
6. School Council will not charge a fee for the use of facilities when the buildings are used for a school activity/event.
7. Groups must provide proof of liability insurance before hiring commences. A copy must be forwarded to the school when necessary according to DEECD guidelines.
8. When approval is given, the user must sign the appropriate agreement depending on term of hire.
9. School Council reserves the right not to allow use of grounds or to hire facilities.
10. The Principal or Principal's delegate has access to the school at any time for inspection.
11. School Council reserves the right to terminate the hiring agreement if in the opinion of the School Council, a breach of the agreement has been made. This may include the loss of bond to recoup costs of any damage incurred.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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