

HIRE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

Rationale:

Schools have a large variety of facilities from which community groups can benefit. Under Section 15AA of the Education Act 1958, School Councils may hire these facilities to third parties. Fair and reasonable hiring arrangements can prove mutually beneficial.

Aims:

To allow the community maximum access to school facilities whilst ensuring the protection of the facilities themselves.

Implementation:

- School council has the authority to allow the use of school facilities by outside bodies when the facilities are not required for school purposes and also have the responsibility to establish the terms and conditions of use.
- School Council has decided to hire facilities such as the hall, library or gymnasium to external groups under the following conditions: -
 - That the individuals or organisation hiring the facilities have taken out appropriate public liability insurance and can provide documentation to that effect.
 - That a written hiring agreement provided by School Council be signed by Council and the hirer before use. The Facilities & Infrastructure Branch provides advice to School Councils regards such agreements.
 - That the written agreement cover such items as:-
 - a. The period of the agreement, specific times of use, and areas to be used.
 - b. Contact names and telephone numbers of both parties.
 - c. Access and security arrangements including arrangements with keys.
 - d. Damage to property and arrangements to repair any damage.
 - e. Cleaning arrangements.
 - f. Car parking.
 - g. Notification arrangements to the hirer if the school requires the facility during the normal hire period.
 - h. School Council's right to revoke the agreement at any time.
 - i. A hiring fee.
- School Council may extend its SchoolPac Cover to cover the hirer's public liability commitment.
- School Council will respond to any concerns made by the hirer of unsafe or dangerous equipment, buildings or facilities.
- School Council reserves the right not to hire facilities to groups it does not wish associated with the school.
- School Council will not charge a fee for the use of facilities by groups associated with the school (eg: Parents and Friends Association).
- The principal will be the day-to-day contact for groups hiring school facilities.



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Certification:

This policy was adopted at the School Council meeting held at Healesville High School in March 2008.

Signed.....
School Council President

Signed
Principal

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2008

References:

References: SchoolPac Insurance cover available through ASCIV ph: 03 9808 2499

Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/resources/7_24.htm