



COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL STAFF POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Portland Bay School on 55232218

PURPOSE

This policy explains how Portland Bay School proposes to manage common enquiries from parents and carers.

SCOPE

This policy applies to school staff, and all parents and carers in our community.

POLICY

Portland Bay School understands the importance of providing helpful and timely responses to common enquiries from parents and carers. To ensure that members of our school community are directed to the most appropriate person to assist them, the information below outlines key contacts for common queries:

- to report a student absence, please contact reception on 03 55232218 or the appropriate number for your child's bus.
- to report any urgent issues relating to a student on a particular day, please contact reception on 03 55232218
- to discuss a student's academic progress, health or wellbeing, please contact your child's classroom teacher.
- for enquiries regarding camps and excursions, please contact your child's teacher or reception on 03 55232218
- For complaints that you feel are not addressed adequately by your child's teacher, please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal on 55232218. Please also refer to our Complaints policy, available on our website.
- to report a potential hazard or incident on the school site, please contact reception on 03 55232218
- for parent payments, please contact reception on 03 55232218
- for all other enquiries, please contact reception on 03 55232218

We will do our best to respond to general queries as soon as possible. The [right to disconnect](#) legislation makes explicit that all employees have the right to refuse to monitor, read, listen to or respond to contact that occurs outside their working hours from their employer or a third party (such as a student or a parent), unless that refusal is unreasonable.

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reception >

<http://portlandbayschool.vic.edu.au>

We ask that you allow us [2 – 3 working days] to provide you with a detailed response to general queries. We will endeavour to respond to urgent matters within [24 hours] where possible.

Interpreting Services

We can arrange for interpreting support if you are from a language background other than English and need help with understanding important educational information about your child. Contact reception on 55232218 for more information.

Requests for information

Parents and carers are generally entitled to information ordinarily provided to parents, including school reports and newsletters.

Parents and carers seeking information that is not ordinarily provided to parents are encouraged to apply for access through the Freedom of Information process, or, if the information is sought for use in court proceedings, by issuing a subpoena.

Freedom of Information requests should be directed to:

Manager – Freedom of Information Unit
Department of Education and Training
2 Treasury Place
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002
03 9637 3134
foi@education.vic.gov.au

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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