



St Kevin's

# Visitors Policy

## Rationale:

- At St Kevin's, 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 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
- All school community members are actively encouraged to obtain a Working with Children ID to enable participation in school time activities
- Contracted workers are required to present a Working with Children ID before entering student areas during school hours
- 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 electronically sign in and assigned a Visitors lanyard, 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 lanyard and sign out
- The Welcome Centre provides a comfortable and non-intimidating waiting and interviewing space and Visitor bathroom facilities, before entering student areas
- Classroom Visitors will be inducted in child safety procedures before working with students
- Visitors will be provided with directions, and will be made aware of any construction works etc that may impact upon their safety or comfort
- Visitors within the school who have failed to follow this process will be approached and reminded to do so by school staff
- 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

References: Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - [http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/management/6\\_16.htm](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/management/6_16.htm)  
<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/EMERG/secmang/visit7.htm>

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- 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 included in safety procedures

**Evaluation:**

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

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