



## TOILET USE POLICY

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### INTERPRETER SERVICE

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our college on 9741 1822 or [werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au) so interpreters may be arranged via VITS or local services.



### POLICY

Toilet facilities are open for students before school, during recess and lunch breaks and at the end of the school day. During class time, toilet facilities are locked. Students are still able to access the toilet facilities during class time, but are required to follow an exit from class process. Their teacher records an exit from class pass on Compass and the student is to then collect a swipe card, in exchange for their Compass card, from their nearest Sub School Office to access the toilet facilities. They are to then return the swipe card to the Sub School Office. Students with a particular medical condition are able to access toilet facilities via the Front Office.

- The focus in our school is on high expectations for all students. We expect students to be in class and engaged with their learning and also to learn to work consistently between breaks. Students will need this discipline as seniors and also in their post-school destinations such as apprenticeships, work or further study.
- The school takes the safety of your children very seriously, and classroom teachers have direct responsibility for this. They should know the whereabouts of all students at all times and can only let students out of their immediate supervision if a system is in place to manage it safely.
- The current rules mean school facilities can be maintained to a higher standard for the comfort and safety of all students.
- Under the current arrangements students out of class need to attend their sub-school office and sign in and out so we know where they are in case of emergency.
- The arrangements have resulted in students spending more time engaged with learning, there are fewer opportunities for inappropriate behaviour out of class, and maintenance costs are reduced, meaning more money for educational programs.

**School Duty of Care:** Schools have a duty of care to their students, which means they must take reasonable steps to protect students from risks of harm that are reasonably foreseeable. This includes ensuring that students have access to basic necessities such as toilets.

**Health and Safety Regulations:** Under health and safety regulations, schools are required to provide adequate welfare facilities for the comfort of their students. This typically includes access to clean and safe toilets.

**Anti-Discrimination Laws:** Anti-discrimination laws may also be relevant if a student has a disability or medical condition that necessitates more frequent bathroom use. Schools are generally required to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate such needs.