

Policy: SCS2 Cash Handling Policy	Issued: March 2021
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CASH HANDLING POLICY

Purpose

To ensure that cash handling practices are consistent and transparent across the school.

Rationale

Cash transactions are one of the most vulnerable areas of the school. The school will implement the measures outlined below, in accordance with Department guidelines, to safeguard and protect the staff involved in receipting and collection of monies and minimise the risks associated with cash handling.

Aims

- Minimise risk and protect staff/responsible persons involved in receipting and collection of cash.
- Provide a clear set of cash handling procedures to ensure all cash is receipted and recorded in CASES21 intact and in a timely manner.
- Provide clear understanding of the process and ensure it aligns with Departmental policy and guidelines.

Implementation

- No monies are to be kept in classrooms.
- All receipts are to be processed in CASES21 as quickly as practicable upon receiving the funds.
- Segregation of duties will be maintained so that where possible no individual has the responsibility for more than one of the following:
 - receipting of cash and issuing receipts
 - preparing the banking
 - taking the monies to the bank
 - completion of the bank reconciliation.

If this is not possible due to lack of available staff, Segregation of Duties – Cash Checklist will be implemented and signed off for audit purposes.

- Monies payable to the school are to be contained in the school payment envelopes, as far as practical, itemising information relating to the payment.
- All monies entering the school must be directed to the general office.
- Where monies are received over the counter at the office, they will be entered into CASES21 and an official receipt issued immediately to the payer.
- Money received away from the office (e.g., Canteen) is to be double counted at the point of collection and a control receipt issued.
- Two staff will be designated as ‘Responsible Persons’ for all school fundraising or sanctioned events for the collection of monies. Form/s to be completed.
- No personal cheques are to be cashed.
- All cheques received by mail are to be entered in a remittance book, and all cheques, which have not already been crossed “not negotiable”, should be crossed as soon as they are received.
- Monies are to be kept in either a controlled access safe or cash drawer during the day. If funds are kept on the premises overnight, they must be locked in the secured safe.

- CASES21 bank deposit slip to be printed and reconciled with total receipts for the day and with the total of cash / cheques to be banked.
- Funds are to be banked twice per week and at different times of the day.
- No monies are to be left on the premises over the school vacation periods.
- No receipt is to be altered. Where a mistake is made approval must be sought before reversing the incorrect receipt. Copies of the incorrect receipt should be retained with details of why it was reversed.
- Prior to a receipt batch being updated a receipt can be reprinted if necessary. The word REPRINT appears on the receipt. After the batch has been updated, if a copy of the receipt is requested the Family Statement, Family Matching Transactions Report or the Family Transaction History can be printed.
- Discrepancies that cannot be accounted for must be reported to the Principal.
- All cases of suspected or actual theft of money, fraud, misappropriation or corruption are to be reported to the Executive Director, Audit and Risk Division fraud.control@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Settlement on the EFTPOS terminal will be performed at the end of the day at the same time as the batch is updated.
- Perform bank reconciliations on a weekly basis or whenever deemed necessary.
- At the end of the day, any cash not banked must be secured in a safe. Access to the Security room is restricted.

Approved by:	School Council
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