

# TRESPASS

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Our school welcomes visitors who have a reasonable and constructive reason to be on the school's grounds or premises. Trespassers are those who have entered the school after being previously formally warned by the Principal not to do so, or who are in breach of a displayed sign.

### **Aims:**

To assist the Principal in effectively managing who enters school premises and to make the school safe for everyone.

### **Implementation:**

- Our school encourages community interaction with the school, but in doing so will not tolerate unruly, anti social or unwanted persons to enter the school.
- Government schools are not public places. There is no general right for the public to enter school premises. The Minister for Education is the registered owner of all land held by the Department for the purpose of operating Government schools. The Minister therefore has the power to determine who may enter, and remain on, school premises. These functions and powers have been delegated to school principals
- Trespass warnings by the principal can be issued orally or by letter ( preferred)
- The School Principal will seek support from local police and will contact them if breaches occur, all breaches are recorded.
- Signs indicating the location of the school office will be prominently displayed
- Signs, which warn trespassers of the potential for prosecution, will be similarly displayed.
- Any visitor who breaks the law will be referred to the police.
- The school community will be informed, when appropriate, about the process for managing unwanted visitors and will be invited to assist by reporting suspicious out of school hours activities to the police.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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