

EXTERNAL PROVIDERS POLICY

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Rationale:

- St Arnaud Primary School aims to create and maintain a learning environment that facilitates the development of the whole person and to promote a healthy, supportive and secure environment for all students. The School offers programs to enable students to further their learning by complementing classrooms lessons with resources from outside the immediate school community. All students have the right to feel and be safe in the framework of programs offered by St Arnaud Primary School and in those serviced by external providers.

Expectations:

The School will provide a positive environment in which all teachers assume responsibility for student welfare, endeavouring to provide successful experiences for all students, where students feel and are safe and secure in a supportive environment and where a sense of belonging and wellbeing is strengthened.

St Arnaud Primary School accepts a duty of care to students accessing an external provider. The School will ensure regulations relating to VIT registration, appropriate qualifications and supervision will be observed. Where the School deems a learning environment to be in accordance with the learning, social and emotional development of the student, and where staff do not have VIT registration, the School will provide appropriate supervision of our students.

Implementation:

The School may access outside services to provide support for students and staff which may include:

- Psychologists
- Counsellors
- Teachers
- Mentors
- Tutors
- Social Workers

The Principal will approve all external providers.

The Principal will ensure that:

- all external providers meet all regulatory requirements
- students will attend programs offered by external providers only with the express prior written consent of their parents
- students who do not attend an activity provided by an external provider during School hours will be provided with suitable alternative activities

The Council will ensure that professional indemnity, public liability, building and contents and

any other necessary insurance to cover the needs of programs offered by external providers is met by the provider if offered off-site

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.
- All external providers will be required to sign in/sign out and will be provided relevant documentation regarding working with students at our school.

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

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