

Communication with School Staff Policy (2021)

PURPOSE

This policy explains how Westall Secondary College proposes to manage common enquiries from parents and carers.

SCOPE

This policy applies to school staff, and all parents and carers in our community.

POLICY

Westall Secondary College understands the importance of providing helpful and timely responses to common enquiries from parents and carers. To ensure that members of our school community are directed to the most appropriate person to assist them, the information below outlines key contacts for common queries:

- to report a student absence, please contact the front office on 9546 3233
- to report any urgent issues relating to a student on a particular day, please contact the Year Level Coordinator
- to discuss a student's academic progress, health or wellbeing, please contact the Year Level Coordinator
- for enquiries regarding camps and excursions, please contact the organising staff member on 9546 3233
- to make a complaint, please contact the Assistant Principal on 9546 3233. Please also refer to our Complaints policy
- to report a potential hazard or incident on the school site, please contact the front office on 9546 3233
- for parent payments, please contact the Business Manager on 9546 3233
- for all other enquiries, please contact our Front Office on 9546 3233 or westall.sc@education.vic.gov.au

School staff will do our best to respond to general queries as soon as possible and ask that you allow us 1-2 working days to provide you with a detailed response. We will endeavour to respond to urgent matters within 24 hours where possible.

Interpreting Services

We can arrange for interpreting support if you are from a language background other than English and need help with understanding important educational information about your child. Contact the front office on 9546 3233 for more information.

Requests for information

Parents and carers are generally entitled to information ordinarily provided to parents, including school reports and newsletters.

Parents and carers seeking information that is not ordinarily provided to parents are encouraged to apply for access through the Freedom of Information process, or, if the information is sought for use in court proceedings, by issuing a subpoena.

Freedom of Information requests should be directed to:

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Manager – Freedom of Information Unit
Department of Education and Training
2 Treasury Place
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002
03 9637 3134
foi@education.vic.gov.au

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	1 st September 2021
Approved by	Principal
Consultation	School council consulted Wed 20/10/2021
Next scheduled review date	1 st September 2024

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