

ELECTRONIC FUNDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

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RATIONALE

- Electronic/internet banking facilities deliver users with the ability to undertake various banking functions, such as examining account balances, transferring funds between accounts, direct debit, direct deposit, BPAY (online) and EFTPOS (Electronic Funds Transfer Point of Sale).
- The use of electronic/internet banking realises savings in banking fees and administration costs and allows schools to increase the options and convenience provided to parents/creditors/debtors, as well as improves security by reducing the amount of cash handled and kept on school premises.
- It is an efficient means of receiving monies and processing payments.

AIMS

Barton Primary School recognises its role in the administration of its finances in providing procedures and internal controls as follows, which meet the Department of Education and Training requirements;

- To provide enhanced risk control and security over transactions.
- To provide clear documentation of processes whilst maintaining internal controls
- To provide enhanced services to creditors, debtors & parents.
- To provide procedures and internal controls that meet the Department of Education and Training requirements in accordance with 'Education Training and Reform Regulations 2007'.

IMPLEMENTATION

- All transactions through internet banking software must be authorised by the Principal and a School Council nominee
- The school Business Manager cannot be nominated as an authoriser even if he/she is a member of School Council
- The Principal and a School Council Nominee must sign all paperwork and a copy of the internet transaction and supporting documentation must be attached
- The original invoice must be attached to payment voucher.
- Internet banking may be used for payment of invoices including 'direct debit', staff and parent reimbursements transactions
- Setting up of initial transaction details and any changes will be the responsibility of the Business Manager, but will not be authorised by the Business Manager
- Creditors requesting payment by internet banking or changing their details, must have banking details displayed either on an invoice, letterhead or email correspondence
- Administration and access to internet banking is to be controlled by the Business Manager and/or the Principal
- At the beginning of each year the School Council will review and formally document this Electronic Funds Management policy as required by the Department of Education and Training audit requirements

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- Documentation kept by the school confirming all transactions such as merchant copies of EFTPOS receipts, void receipts, refunds, daily EFTPOS reconciliation reports, authorisation details, relevant CASES21 reports will be stored securely in the administration secure office or the Barton Primary School archives
- Register kept for all void or refund transactions.
- Procedures and documentation for processing phone and offline receipts and refund transactions.
- EFTPOS documentation concerning passwords will be kept in the school safe.

EVALUATION

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

Date of approval by School Council

8th March 2018 J. Ille

REFERENCES

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/guidelines.aspx#link97>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/act2006regs.aspx>