



## COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL STAFF POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 98034590.

### PURPOSE

This policy explains how Burwood East Special Developmental School (BESDS) 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

BESDS 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 or Business Manager on 98034590.
- to report any urgent issues relating to a student on a particular day, please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal on 98034590.
- to discuss a student's academic progress, health or wellbeing, please contact your classroom teacher or section team leader.
- for enquiries regarding camps and excursions, please contact classroom teacher or section team leader on 98034590.
- to make a complaint, please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal on 98034590. Please also refer to our Complaints policy, available from the front office or on our web page.
- to report a potential hazard or incident on the school site, please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal on 98034590.
- for parent payments, please contact our Business Manager on 98034590.
- for all other enquiries, please contact our office on 98034590.

School staff will do our best to respond to general queries as soon as possible and ask that you allow us 2 – 3 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 school on 9803459 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:

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](mailto: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
- <https://www.besds.vic.edu.au/>
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2022
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