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## CASH HANDLING POLICY

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### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact North Geelong Secondary College on 03 5240 5800 or [north.geelong.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:north.geelong.sc@education.vic.gov.au).

### PURPOSE

North Geelong Secondary College is committed to ensuring that cash handling practices are consistent and transparent across the college.

North Geelong Secondary College will implement the measures outlined below, by Department guidelines. This policy intends to safeguard and protect the staff involved in the receipting and collection of monies and minimise the risks associated with cash handling.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all college staff or volunteers handling cash on behalf of North Geelong Secondary College.

### POLICY

#### Roles and responsibilities of staff

At North Geelong Secondary College our office support staff and Business Manager are responsible for managing cash at our college.

Where possible, segregation of duties will be maintained so that no individual will be responsible for more than one of the following:

- o receipting of cash and issuing receipts
- o preparing the banking
- o taking the monies to the bank
- o completion of the bank reconciliation

If this is not possible due to lack of available staff, the Department's "Segregation of Duties – Cash Checklist" will be implemented and signed off for audit purposes.

#### Storage of cash

Monies are to be kept in a controlled access safe or cash drawer during the day. If funds are kept on the premises overnight, they must be locked in our college secured safe.

No monies will be kept in classrooms or left at the college during holidays.

All monies that are collected in the classroom will be forwarded to the administration office by

the classroom teacher as soon as possible after collection.

Money collected away from the classroom or administration office (e.g. fundraisers) is to be handed to the administration office on the day of receipt unless circumstances make this impracticable. Money received away from the administration office must be double counted at the point of collection and a control receipt issued before it is provided to the administration office for banking.

### **Records and receipting**

All receipts are to be processed in CASES21 as quickly as practicable upon receiving the funds.

Monies received from the classroom will be entered into CASES21 and receipts returned to the classroom to be handed out to students within 48 hours.

Where monies are received over the counter at the administration office, they will be entered into CASES21 and an official receipt issued immediately to the payer.

A CASES21 bank deposit slip will be printed and reconciled with total receipts for the day and with the total of cash/cheques to be banked.

Funds are to be banked on a regular basis and at different times of the day.

No receipt is to be altered. Where a mistake is made approval must be sought before reversing the incorrect receipt. Copies of the incorrect receipt should be retained with details of why it was reversed.

Prior to a receipt batch being updated a receipt can be reprinted if necessary. The word REPRINT appears on the receipt. After the batch has been updated, if a copy of the receipt is requested the Family Statement, Family Matching Transactions Report or the Family Transaction History can be printed.

### **Cheques**

No personal cheques are to be cashed.

All cheques received by mail are to be entered in a remittance book, and all cheques, which have not already been crossed "not negotiable", should be crossed as soon as they are received.

### **Fundraising**

Two parents or staff members will be designated as 'Responsible Persons' for all college fundraising events or other approved events where monies may be collected, for example, Multi-Cultural Day or Fundraisers throughout the year. The forms which will be completed are fundraising form, Cash Handling Authority Form.

### **Reporting concerns**

Discrepancies that cannot be accounted for must be reported to the Principal.

All cases of suspected or actual theft of money, fraud, misappropriation or corruption are to be reported to the Executive Director, Audit and Risk Division by email addressed to: [fraud.control@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:fraud.control@education.vic.gov.au)

## **COMMUNICATION**

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

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- **Finance Manual for Victorian Government Schools**
  - [Section 3 Risk Management](#)

- [Section 4 Internal Controls](#)
- [Section 10 Receivables Management and Cash Handling](#)

## **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed annually by School Council to confirm/enhance internal control procedures.

Proposed amendments to this policy will be discussed with Administration Staff, Finance subcommittee, School Council.

## **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
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