



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING POLICY

MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE

CHILD SAFE

Mount Erin College is a Child Safe School. Our College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. We value all students as individuals and their diversity. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision making.

Mount Erin College is committed to providing a Child Safe environment where children and young people are valued and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Our College takes a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to Child Safety to ensure that the safety of children is promoted, child abuse is prevented and allegations of child abuse are properly responded to. Mount Erin College has zero tolerance for child abuse.

PURPOSE

Our objective is to ensure the safety of all Mount Erin College students, staff and school visitors in the event of an Emergency situation.

POLICY

Mount Erin College has a current Emergency Management Plan (EMP) that contains a risk assessment that addresses hazards and potential threats to the school and which covers the four components of preparedness, prevention, response and recovery.

Mount Erin College has plans and strategies in place to:

- ensure that staff, students and the school community have a clear understanding of the EMP and its procedures
- ensure that staff, students and the school community are trained so that they know what they are required to do during an emergency
- regularly test emergency arrangements to ensure that procedures work and everyone learns our emergency protocols

Our Emergency Management Plan:

- is detailed and is based on the Education Department's online EMP template
- specifies the actions to take before, during and after an Emergency to ensure the ongoing safety of staff, students and others
- covers all circumstances when the school is responsible for student safety, such as school excursions, to ensure staff and student safety
- ensures that students are supervised at all times
- is reviewed annually as well as after any Practice Drill or Emergency
- specifies details of how we will communicate to parents / guardians during a Practice Drill and in the event of an Emergency

- is outlined in our College Newsletter each year so that our parent community is aware of how we plan for and respond to Emergencies
- takes into account advice from local Emergency Service Providers

Mount Erin College has a Management Committee that checks to ensure that all proposed Camps, Excursions and Activities have a valid educational purpose and comply with all Department requirements before being forwarded to the College Board for their approval.

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

This Policy was last updated in September 2018 and is scheduled for review in September 2020.