

VISITORS POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

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PURPOSE

To provide a safe and secure learning and teaching environment for students and staff by establishing processes to monitor and manage visitors to Hazel Glen College.

SCOPE

This policy outlines our school's arrangements for visitors who attend school grounds when the school is open for instruction between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm, and when the office is staffed to monitor/receive visitors at reception. Outside of these times, our front office is not staffed and this policy does not apply.

DEFINITIONS

Child-related work: As defined by the *Worker Screening Act 2020* (Vic), child-related work is work that usually involves direct contact (including in person, over the phone, written and online communication) with a child that is a central part of that person's duties. It does not include work that involves occasional direct contact with children that is incidental to the work.

POLICY

Hazel Glen College strives to create an open and inclusive school community, and encourages parents and carers to be actively involved in their child's development and education. We also strive to foster strong partnerships with local community services, schools and other organisations.

Hazel Glen College is not a public place. The Principal has the authority to permit or deny entry to school grounds and encourages all visitors to familiarise themselves with our school's Statement of Values and School Philosophy, Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and Volunteers Policy.

Sign in procedure

All visitors to Hazel Glen College are required to report to the school office on arrival (see exceptions below in relation to parents/carers). Visitors must:

- Record their name, signature, date and time of visit and purpose of visit in Compass Kiosk at reception
- Provide proof of identification to office staff upon request
- Produce evidence of their valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) where required by this policy (see below)
- Wear a visitor's [lanyard/name tag] at all times
- Follow instruction from school staff and abide by all relevant school policies relating to appropriate conduct on school grounds including Child Safety Code of Conduct, Respect for School Staff, Statement of Values and School Philosophy as well as Department policies such as the [Sexual Harassment Policy](#) and [Workplace Bullying Policy](#)
- Return to the office upon departure, sign out and return the visitor's lanyard.

Hazel Glen College ensures that our school's Child Safety Code of Conduct is available.

Working with Children Clearance and other suitability checks

For Working with Children Check (WWCC) and other suitability check requirements relating to parents/carers and other volunteers working with students please see our Volunteers Policy.

All visitors who are engaged in **child-related work** (see definition above) must have a valid WWCC. Additional suitability checks may also be required such as reference, proof of identity, qualification and work history involving children checks.

In some circumstances, visitors to Hazel Glen College who are **not** engaged in child-related work will also be required to produce a valid WWCC depending on the particular circumstances of their visit. For example, Hazel Glen College will require a valid WWCC for:

- **visitors who will be working regularly with children** during the time they are visiting, even though direct contact with children is not a central part of their normal duties
- **visitors (e.g. contractors)** who will regularly be performing unsupervised work at the school during school hours or any other time where children are present. Further background checks, including references, may also be requested at the discretion of the principal.

The Principal may allow visitors who will be working in areas away from students or who will be supervised and accompanied by a staff member during their visit will not be required to have a WWCC.

Sworn Victoria Police officers or sworn Australian Federal Police officers are exempt from requiring a WWCC, but may be asked to verify that they are sworn officers by providing proof of identification.

Invited speakers and presenters

On occasion, Hazel Glen College may invite external speakers or providers to deliver incursions, presentations, workshops and special programs for our students. Consistent with Department of Education requirements, Hazel Glen College will:

- ensure that the content of presentations and programs by external providers contributes to the educational development of our students and is consistent with curriculum objectives
- ensure that any proposed visit, programs or content delivered by visitors complies with the requirement that education in Victorian government schools is secular and is consistent with the values of public education, Department policies and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic). In particular, programs delivered by visitors are to be delivered in a manner

that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy including a commitment to:

- elected government
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law
- freedom of religion, speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance
- respect for the range of views held by students and their families.

Parent/carer visitors

We understand that there may occasionally be a reason why a parent or carer may want to speak to or see their child at school during school hours.

If there is a particular pressing or unavoidable issue that cannot wait until the end of the school day, we ask that parents or carers call the school office to make the request to speak to or see their child during school hours.

We also ask that parents or carers avoid arranging to visit their children at school wherever possible, as this can cause inappropriate disruptions to the school day.

All parents or carers who visit our school during school hours, other than for the purposes of school pick ups and drop offs or for specific school events (e.g. parent/carer teacher interviews, concerts, assemblies etc), are required to sign in as a visitor at the school office.

Parents or carers who are prohibited from entering the school under a court order or direction of the Principal are not permitted to visit the school. Our school maintains a record of access restrictions, community safety orders/trespass orders for managing parents/carers restricted from attending the school. Hazel Glen College maintains and provides office staff with a list of restricted parents/carers which may include identifying photographs and any other information as required depending on the level of risk posed.

Other visitors

All business operators, tradespeople and other visitors attending the school to conduct work must report to the school office upon arrival for instruction and follow the sign in procedure outlined above.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in induction processes for relevant staff
- Included in our staff handbook/manual
- Discussed in staff briefings/meetings
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Hazel Glen College policies can be accessed by clicking [here](#):

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Abuse (including grooming) – Identification and Response
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

Department policies:

- [Child Safe Standards](#)
- [Contractor OHS Management](#)
- [Visitors in Schools](#)

Please find relevant documents and policies below:

- <https://www.hgc.vic.edu.au/policies/>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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