

## Bellbrae Primary School

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### Rationale

The health and well-being of students is relevant to their learning and is important to the school. The provision of an efficient and effective canteen at school provides a service for parents wishing to purchase lunches for their children.

### Purpose

- To ensure the service complies with health regulations and requirements.
- To establish the school canteen with reference to D.E.T. *School Canteens and other School Food Services Policy*. (National Health and Medical Research Council 2003)  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/canteenpolicy.aspx>
- To provide enjoyable, nutritious and an attractively presented selection of foods and drink at reasonable prices.
- To provide parents with the choice to use the Canteen or to provide their children with food from home.

### Guidelines

1. The canteen will offer a variety of nutritious foods that are consistent with the *Dietary Guideline for Children and Adolescents in Australia*.  
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/n29-n30-n31-n32-n33-n34>
2. The Canteen Menu will reflect the entire healthy school environment.
3. The operation (stores, stocktaking, trading/profit/loss statements, etc.) of the school canteen is consistent with the guidelines indicated in 'Canteen Operations', 'School Council Operated Canteen'.  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/finmanagement/supplies/canteen.htm>

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- To ensure the service complies with health regulations and requirements. School canteen menus are assessed by the Victorian Healthily Eating Advisory Service to meet the D.E.T. *School Canteens and other School Food Services Policy*. (National Health and Medical Research Council 2003) These dietary guidelines are outlined in more detail in the *Healthy Canteen Kit- Food Planner*.
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## Implementation

1. The canteen will operate on negotiated days.
2. The canteen will only accept lunch orders brought from home. No sales occur over the counter.
3. School canteen menus will be assessed by the Victorian Healthily Eating Advisory Service to meet the D.E.T. *School Canteens and other School Food Services Policy*. (National Health and Medical Research Council 2003) These dietary guidelines are outlined in more detail in the *Healthy Canteen Kit- Food Planner*.
4. Canteen 'Specials' offered encourage and promote healthy food choices consistent with the *Dietary Guideline for Children and Adolescents in Australia*. <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/n29-n30-n31-n32-n33-n34>
5. Parents will be informed through articles in the newsletter, announcement at school assemblies and sending the menu and price list home to families.
6. The school canteen, as a Class 2 food premise will demonstrate that the food prepared and served is safe to eat and in accordance with the *Victorian Food Act 1984* and the subsequent *Food Amendment Act 2011* regarding:
  - personal hygiene requirements
  - food preparation requirements
  - food storage requirements
7. Canteen staff need to be aware of students with allergies and be familiar with the school's management strategies for these students.
8. Parents will be encouraged to volunteer their services for the school canteen.
9. The role of the School Council in regards to the school canteen is to review the Policy and Program when necessary.

## Evaluation

- The Canteen Policy and Program is in its infancy and will be reviewed when required.

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# Program

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