



Family (and other) Court Policy

Policy

The Beehive Montessori School shall at all times recognise, respect and act in a manner that is consistent with the obligations of people in the School community who are the subject of orders made by the Family Court of Western Australia (Family Court) and other Courts.

Background

1. The Family Court and other Courts may make orders for the welfare of children, so that some parents, guardians and students are the subject of court orders.
2. Most commonly these court orders are parenting orders made by the Family Court which deal with:
 - 2.1. who the student will live with;
 - 2.2. how much time the student will spend with each parent and with other people, such as grandparents;
 - 2.3. the allocation of parental responsibility;
 - 2.4. how the student will communicate with a parent that they do not live with, or other people; and
 - 2.5. any other aspect of the care, welfare or development of the student.
3. Parents, guardians, teachers and students may be the subject of or affected by other court orders including:
 - 3.1. violence restraining orders (**VRO**) made by the Magistrates Court of Western Australia (Magistrates Court) to restrain violence, threats, harassment or intimidation;
 - 3.2. an order for the protection and care of a child made by the Magistrates Court.

Implementation

The School shall:

1. Be impartial;
2. Maintain strict confidentiality;
3. Request and endeavour to obtain copies of all court orders which are relevant to the welfare of a student;
4. Familiarise itself with the terms of all court orders which are relevant to the welfare of a student;
5. Inform the teacher of all court orders which are relevant to the welfare of a student in that teacher's class;
6. So far as is reasonably practicable, prevent or impede the actions of any person that is in contravention, or may be in contravention of a court order;

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7. Manage all family issues in particular child welfare issues with the welfare of the student as the paramount concern and with compassion and understanding;
8. Remind members of the School community to immediately notify the School of any change in circumstances which is relevant to the welfare of a student or may otherwise impact on the relationship between a member of the School community and the School.

Related Documents and Resources

Family Court of Australia www.familycourt.gov.au

Family Court of Western Australia www.familycourt.wa.gov.au

Department for Child Protection and Family Support www.dcp.wa.gov.au

Magistrates Court of Western Australia www.magistratescourt.wa.gov.au

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