

POLICY: THE FENCE

1. Rationale

A fence around the perimeter of St Michael's school has been provided by Catholic Education Parramatta Diocese to ensure that all students and staff are provided with an environment that is safe. The fence acts as a deterrent to those people who view the site as a place to conduct activities not appropriate for a school site.

2. Aims

- 2.1 For all who enter the site to be aware that it is protected area, not a public thoroughfare and only those with valid business with school personnel have permission to be on the site.
- 2.2 For all who enter the site to be aware that they need to follow instructions regarding reporting to the school office.

3. Implementation

- 3.1 St Michael's school site is deemed an Inclosed area and those entering it need to be aware of the Inclosed Lands Act (1901) and its recent amendments.
- 3.2 A fence incloses the school site.
- 3.3 The fence has five openings known as gates. There is also another gate within the grounds that opens onto the top playground.
- 3.4 The front gate at the top of the driveway facing the top playground and opening onto Chapel Lane at the Zebra Crossing will be opened at 7.40 am by the Groundsman. This gate will remain open during the day and will be closed at 3.40 pm by the teacher on Bus duty.
- 3.5 The gate to the top playground is opened at 7.40 am and closed at 9.00 am by the Groundsman. The gate remains locked during the day and reopens at 2.50 pm for parents/guardians to enter the top playground. The gate is closed by the Bus duty teacher when bus duty is completed.
- 3.6 The side gate leading to the middle of the car park will be opened at 7.40 am by the Groundsman and locked at 3.40 pm by the teacher on Slow & Go duty.
- 3.7 The small pedestrian gate leading to the lower playground will be opened by OOSH, closed at 9.00 am by the Groundsman. This gate will reopen at approximately 3.30 pm.
- 3.8 The gate leading to end of the 'back path' will be opened prior to 8.00 am and locked at 9.00 am by the Groundsman. The back path teacher reopens the gate at 3.15 pm and closes it at approximately 3.25 pm when the students have been met by their parent/guardian.
- 3.9 Supervision of children commences at 8.20 am. Any child who arrives earlier than this needs to sit on the seats on the top playground outside the Library. There is no supervision until 8.20 am.
- 3.10 Teachers who open the gates to leave the school grounds to go to St Michael's Church with their students are responsible for ensuring that the gates are closed behind them.
- 3.10 A gate key is issued to all staff members, to the Parish Priest, to the OOSH Supervisor, and to the garbage contractor.

4. Evaluation

The policy will be evaluated annually.