



# CASH HANDLING POLICY

**AT COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE**  
*The school of choice for the Cobram Community*



## **Help for non-English speakers**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Cobram Secondary College, 5871 1700.

## **STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

Cobram Secondary College believes every student deserves a safe and positive learning experience where they are engaged and supported to reach their full potential.

The College adheres to the principles of Australian democracy and takes into account the diversity of all children and makes reasonable efforts to accommodate them. This includes (but is not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ+) individuals, and children who are vulnerable.

The College is committed to creating a child safe environment protecting children from all forms of abuse and neglect.

## **PURPOSE**

Cobram Secondary College is committed to ensuring that cash handling practices are consistent and transparent across the school.

Cobram Secondary College will implement the measures outlined below, in accordance with Department guidelines. This policy intends to safeguard and protect the staff involved in the receipting and collection of monies and minimise the risks associated with cash handling.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all school staff or volunteers involved in handling cash on behalf of Cobram Secondary College.

## **POLICY**

### **Roles and responsibilities of staff**

At Cobram Secondary College our nominated Education Support staff and Business Manager are responsible for managing cash at our school.

Where possible, segregation of duties will be maintained so that no individual will be responsible for more than one of the following:

- receipting of cash and issuing receipts
- preparing the banking
- taking the monies to the bank
- completion of the bank reconciliation

If this is not possible due to lack of available staff, the Department's "Segregation of Duties – Cash Checklist" will be implemented and signed off for audit purposes.

### **Storage of cash**

Monies are to be kept in either a controlled access safe or cash drawer during the day. If funds are kept on the premises overnight, they must be locked in our school's secured safe.

No monies are to be kept in classrooms or left at school during holiday periods.

All monies that are collected in the classroom will be forwarded to the office in the plastic zip lock bags by the classroom teacher/home group teacher/responsible teacher as soon as possible after collection.

Money collected away from the classroom or general office eg the canteen is to be handed to the office on the day of receipt unless circumstances make this impracticable. Money received away from the office must be double counted at the point of collection and a control receipt issued before it is provided to the office for banking.

### **Records and receipting**

All receipts are to be processed in CASES21 as quickly as practicable upon receiving the funds.

Monies received from the classroom will be entered into CASES21 and receipts returned to the classroom to be handed out to students within 48 hours.

Where monies are received over the counter at the office they will be entered into CASES21 and an official receipt issued immediately to the payer.

A CASES21 bank deposit slip will be printed and reconciled with total receipts for the day and with the total of cash/cheques to be banked.

Funds are to be banked daily and at different times of the day.

No receipt is to be altered. Where a mistake is made approval must be sought before reversing the incorrect receipt. Copies of the incorrect receipt should be retained with details of why it was reversed.

Prior to a receipt batch being updated a receipt can be reprinted if necessary. The word REPRINT appears on the receipt. After the batch has been updated, if a copy of the receipt is requested the Family Statement, Family Matching Transactions Report or the Family Transaction History can be printed.

## **Cheques**

No personal cheques are to be cashed.

All cheques received by mail are to be entered in a remittance book, and all cheques, which have not already been crossed “not negotiable”, should be crossed as soon as they are received.

## **Fundraising**

One staff member will be designated as ‘Responsible Persons’ for each school fundraising events or other approved events where monies may be collected, for example, out of uniform or Year 12 fundraising. Complete the cash change slip with the amount, to be signed and checked by 2 people.

## **Reporting concerns**

Discrepancies that cannot be accounted for must be reported to the Principal.

All cases of suspected or actual theft of money, fraud, misappropriation or corruption are to be reported to the Executive Director, Audit and Risk Division by email addressed to:

[fraud.control@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:fraud.control@education.vic.gov.au)

## **Communication**

This policy will be communicated to our staff in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- **Finance Manual for Victorian Government Schools**
  - [Section 3 Risk Management](#)
  - [Section 4 Internal Controls](#)
  - [Section 10 Receivables Management and Cash Handling](#)

## **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed annually by School Council to confirm/enhance internal control procedures.

Proposed amendments to this policy will be discussed with Administration Staff, Leadership Team, Finance subcommittee and School Council

## **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Policy last reviewed	March 2024
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2025