



Cranbourne East Primary School

ELECTRONIC FUNDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set out how our school will manage electronic funds in accordance with applicable Department of Education policy and law.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all staff/responsible persons involved in management of funds transacted electronically
- all transactions carried out by Cranbourne East Primary School via the methods set out in this policy

POLICY

Cranbourne East Primary School has developed this policy consistently with the [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#) and [Section 4 Internal Controls](#) of the Finance Manual for Victorian Government schools.

Implementation

- Cranbourne East Primary School school council requires that all actions related to internet banking are consistent with The Department's [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#).
- Cranbourne East Primary School school council approves the use of Westpac Live Online Banking as the approved software for all internet banking activities as individual authority and security tokens/unique SMS authorisation codes are required.
- All payments through internet banking software must be consistent with Department requirements and must be authorised by the Principal and one other member of school council nominated by the school council.
- Cranbourne East Primary School school council will determine how refunds will be processed.
- Cranbourne East Primary School will undertake maintenance and upgrading of hardware and software as required.
- Cranbourne East Primary School will ensure proper retention/disposal of all transaction records relating to accounts such as purchase orders, tax invoices/statements, vouchers, payroll listings and relevant CASES21 reports.

EFTPOS

- The Principal of Cranbourne East Primary School will ensure all staff operating the merchant facility are aware of security requirements. At our school, this includes: Martina Owen, Colleen Essex, Tanya Issai, Emily Bonnici, Natalie Okey, Eden Brehaut and Bev DeSouza.
- School council minutes must record which staff are authorised to process transactions.
- No "Cash Out" will be permitted on any school EFTPOS facility.

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- Cranbourne East Primary School will accept EFTPOS transactions via telephone or post.
- Cranbourne East Primary School has no minimum EFTPOS purchase amounts.
- Cranbourne East Primary School will not process any refunds through the EFTPOS facility

Direct Debit

- All direct debit agreements must be approved and signed by school council prior to implementation.
- The school council requires all suppliers to provide tax invoices/statements to the school prior to direct debiting any funds from the school's account.
- A direct debit facility allows an external source (eg. Westpac banking Corporation, Viatek and Eqigroup) to a pre-arranged amount of funds from the school's official account on a pre-arranged date. Any such payments will be authorised as appropriate and required.
- Cranbourne East Primary School will ensure adequate funds are available in the Official Account for the "sweep" of funds to the supplier.

Direct Deposit

- Cranbourne East Primary School utilises a "two user authorisation of payments" banking package, as it contains a greater degree of security and access controls.
- Creditor details will be kept up to date and the treatment of GST for creditors will be monitored.
- Payment transactions will be uploaded as a batch through the CASES21 system.
- All payments made through the internet banking system must be authorised by two authorised officers.
- The various internal controls that need to be considered include:
 - the identification of staff with administrative responsibilities [e.g. Business Manager to access statements and upload batches]
 - the identification of staff with authorisation/signatory responsibilities [e.g. The Principal and School Council delegate for the authorisation of payments]
 - the Business Manager must not have banking authorisation/signatory responsibilities.
 - the allocation and security of personal identification number (PIN) information or software authorisation tokens/unique SMS authorisation codes.
 - the setting up of payee details in CASES21.
 - the authorisation of transfer of funds from the official account to payee accounts.
 - alternative procedures for processing, using the direct deposit facility, for periods of Business Manager's and Principal leave of absence.

BPay

Cranbourne East Primary School utilises BPay for creditor payments and receipt of funds for family payments and sundry debtors.

Payments made by BPay are subject to the same requirements as for all transactions relating to accounts such as:

- purchase orders

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- tax invoices/statements
- payment vouchers
- signed screen prints and payee details
- relevant CASES21 reports etc.

This includes a requirement for the principal to sign and date BPay transaction receipts attached to authorised payment vouchers.

BPay receipts are imported into Cases21 and automatically assigned to the payee by their unique BPay reference number directly by DET. BPay receipts will be processed in a unique batch only.

CompassPay

Cranbourne East Primary School utilises CompassPay for families to pay for students camps, excursions and family voluntary contributions.

Receipts received via CompassPay are imported into Cases21 and automatically assigned to the payee by their unique compass identity code. CompassPay receipts will be processed in a unique batch only.

Refunds are not to be processed through the ComapssPay merchant facility.

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](#)

Available from: [School Financial Guidelines](#)

- [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#)
- CASES21 Finance Business Process Guide
 - [Section 1: Families](#)
- [Internal Controls for Victorian Government Schools](#)
- [ICT Security Policy](#)
- [Public Records Office Victoria](#)
- [Archives and Records Management Advice for Schools.](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in March 2024 and is scheduled for review in March 2025.