

# Child Safe Standards

Fitzroy High School:



## Safety of student belongings at school and on school related activities policy

### Vision

Fitzroy High School values children as individual learners who are full of potential and capable of excellence. Our students will be lifelong learners, reflective and creative thinkers, responsible and active citizens, and resilient and adaptable problem solvers able to navigate through an uncertain and constantly changing future. Fitzroy is a learning community where students and teams of teachers work together to:

- Achieve high standards so that all students fulfil their capabilities in academic, intellectual, social, emotional and physical development
- Celebrate diversity and embrace individual differences, including class, culture, race, gender, sexuality and ethnicity
- Build a cohesive, compassionate and proud school community with a productive legacy for the future
- Develop beyond our current capacity through continuous change and review
- Participate in and contribute to our wider community.

### Philosophy

Fitzroy High embraces a bold and ambitious dream: striving for excellence and equity. We aim to be a humane learning community in which teachers use relationships to deepen their knowledge of students. This is in order to engage all of them in an intellectually challenging education based on powerful ideas, help them toward social maturity, and prepare them for a life of meaningful possibilities and active participation as Australian and global citizens.

As stated in the Victorian State Government School Policy & Advisory Guide; Personal Goods:

*Principals must inform parents/guardians and students at enrolment, and remind them annually, that private property brought to school by students is not insured by the school or covered by school insurance, and that it is not the responsibility of the Department if that property is lost, stolen or damaged.*

### What the school will do

1. Inform the school community twice per year of about the statement above.
2. Regularly remind students that they are responsible for their own belongings
3. Encourage students not to bring valuable items to school where possible, particularly in the following contexts;
  - Swimming sports and athletic sports when students cannot supervise their belongings
  - Excursions and camps
  - Senior students undertaking classes at Collingwood College or VET providers need to keep valuables on their person
4. Provide the following;
  - Lockers and combination locks for all students
    - Senior students may choose not to take up the option of having a locker
    - Some students may choose to bring their own locks
  - A bike compound that is locked between 9.15 and 3.15 where students can store their bikes. (All bikes must be secured with bike locks provided by the student)
  - Secure storage for musical instruments in team offices
5. Monitor information about theft from school and inform the school community where required
  - Teams use a template for recording theft – with a copy provided to the Assistant Principal and the general office.

## What students and their families need to do

1. Ensure that valuable items are kept at home.
2. Where valuable items are required at school, the student must take responsibility for their management;
  - Using an appropriate lock for locking up their bike and using the bike shed for storage.
  - Manage responsibility for any personal items at school by either keeping items on their person (in the case of a wallet, phone etc) or in their locker. Personal items should never be left unsupervised in a shared area such as a classroom or gym changing rooms.
3. Report loss of any item at school to either the team leader or office. In the case of a significant loss it is the responsibility of the student's family to report the loss to the police.
4. It is advisable for families to insure higher cost items such as personal electronics

## Evaluation

This policy will reviewed by school council regularly.

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