



Mount Erin College

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 and Training policy and law.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- all staff/responsible persons involved in management of funds transacted electronically
- all transactions carried out by Mount Erin College via the methods set out in this policy

Policy

Mount Erin College 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

- Mount Erin College School Board requires that all actions related to internet banking are consistent with The Department's [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#).
- Mount Erin College School Board approves the use of Combiz (Commonwealth Bank of Australia) as the approved software for all internet banking activities as individual authority and security tokens 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 Board nominated by the School Board.
- Mount Erin College School Board will determine how refunds will be processed and any refunds processed through the EFTPOS terminal will be recorded in a refund register.
- Mount Erin College will undertake maintenance and upgrading of hardware and software as required.

- Mount Erin College 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 Mount Erin College, will ensure all staff operating the merchant facility are aware of security requirements. At our school, this includes:
 - Only authorised personnel to access this facility
 - Machine to be locked in a secure place at night
 - All daily transactions are to be reconciled every night
 - Refunds are permitted for incorrect transactions only at the time of processing ie incorrect amount entered. For all other transactions that are noted at reconciliation are to be processed and if required, a credit given for any incorrect transactions.
- School Board minutes must record which staff are authorised to process transactions.
- No “Cash Out” will be permitted on any school EFTPOS facility.
- Mount Erin College will accept EFTPOS transactions via telephone or post.
- Mount Erin College will allow refunds for incorrect transactions only at the time of processing.

Direct Debit

- All direct debit agreements must be approved and signed by school Board prior to implementation.
- The school Board 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 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.
- Mount Erin College will ensure adequate funds are available in the Official Account for the “sweep” of funds to the supplier.

Direct Deposit

- Mount Erin College 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/authorisation responsibilities [cannot be the Business Manager]
 - the identification of payment authorisers [the Principal and other designated officer]

- o the allocation and security of personal identification number (PIN) information or software authorisation tokens
- o the setting up of payee details in CASES21
- o the authorisation of transfer of funds from the official account to payee accounts
- o alternative procedures for processing, using the direct deposit facility, for periods of Business Manager's and Principal leave of absence.

BPay

Mount Erin College school Board will approve in writing the school Board's decision for the utilisation of BPAY.

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

- purchase orders
- 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.

Communication

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

- Included in staff induction processes for all staff who are involved in funds management
- Included in staff handbook/manual for relevant staff

Further information and resources

Finance Manual for Victorian Government Schools

Available from: [Finance Manual — Financial Management for Schools](#)

- [Section 3 Risk Management](#)
- [Section 4 Internal Controls](#)
- [Section 10 Receivables Management and Cash Handling](#)
- [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#)
- CASES21 Finance Business Process Guide
 - o [Section 1: Families](#)
- [Internal Controls for Victorian Government Schools](#)
- [ICT Security Policy](#)
- [Public Records Office Victoria](#)

- [Records Management — School Records](#)

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