

## 30. SENSITIVE EXPENDITURE POLICY

### Rationale

School spending must meet the standards of integrity that will enable it to withstand public scrutiny.

### Policy Statement

It is the school's policy that all expenditure receives the appropriate approvals prior to costs being incurred. In the case of Principal expenditure, the school's Finance Committee will approve such expenditure that falls outside of the Principal's expenses budget.

### Policy Guidelines

- All expenditure in this category must be for legitimate school business and approval must be obtained prior to incurring the expenditure.
- Expenditure may only be incurred within an individual's budgeting authority.
- Approval must be given by the Principal for sensitive expenditure.
- *Cash Advances*

It may be necessary from time to time to provide cash advances for certain types of expenditure.

- Authorised staff travelling internationally on school business will be provided with access to sufficient funds so that the staff member is not required to use their own funds or credit card for expenses relating to the business of the trip. The purpose of these available funds is to cover meals, taxis, laundry and other such sundry expenses.
- Expenditure of all cash advances must be properly documented and accounted for.

- *Entertainment/Hospitality*

Authorised senior staff are sometimes required to entertain school guests. (e.g. International agents) by way of dinners at restaurants etc. These expenditures are budgeted for, and accounted for by receipts. Such expenditure includes alcohol supplied in the context of an evening meal.

- *School-issued Mobile Phones*

A specified group of senior staff are issued school supplied mobile phones, on a plan integrated with the school phone contract. Monthly calls and data usage are signed off by each user and monitored by the Executive Officer. Staff concerned are not expected to reimburse personal calls or data usage unless it is significant or excessive.

- *Use of school owned vehicles*

The Principal will be allowed some limited private use of a school vehicle, specifically only when their own private vehicle is not available to them. The principal will be responsible for the payment of the fuel for their private use.

It is the Board's judgment that ultimately the incidental private use has a clear work benefit to the school and that the Principal's personal benefit is not significant.

- The Principal's Professional Coaching and Wellbeing Support Fund, as provided in the Secondary Principals' Collective Agreement, will be spent following the guidelines provided by SPANZ Union

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