

Occupational Health & Safety Policy

Responsibilities

This policy recognises that the health and safety of all employees, students, contractors and visitors within St. Elizabeth's Parish School is the responsibility of the Principal. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Principal has a duty to provide and maintain so far as is reasonably practicable, a working environment that is safe and without risk to health. This includes:

- i. providing and maintaining safe plant and systems of work
- ii. making and monitoring arrangements for the safe use, handling, storing and transport of plant substances
- iii. maintaining the work place that is safe and without risks to health
- iv. providing adequate facilities for the welfare of all employees and students
- v. providing such information, training and supervision for employees and contractors enabling them to work in a safe and healthy manner

The Principal (under delegated responsibility from the Parish Priest) is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this policy.

The health and welfare of all employees at St Elizabeth's is of major concern and to that end, we are committed to the provision of a workplace that is safe and without risks to health, and to the prevention of workplace injury and illness.

In fulfilling the objectives of this policy, the Principal (under delegated responsibility from the Parish Priest), is committed to regular consultation with employees to ensure that the policy operates effectively and that health and safety issues are regularly reviewed.

Duties

St. Elizabeth's Parish School will take all reasonable practicable steps to provide and maintain a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, students contractors volunteers and visitors.

The Principal (under delegated responsibility from the Parish Priest) is responsible for the effective implementation of the school's health and safety policy and shall:

- observe, implement and fulfil its responsibilities under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and regulations that apply within the state
- ensure that the agreed procedures for regular consultation between the Principal through the Parish Priest and those with designated and elected health and safety functions are followed
- ensure that all specific policies operating within St. Elizabeth's are periodically revised and are consistent with school health and safety objectives
- provide relevant information, training and supervision for all employees in the correct use of plant, equipment and substances used within the school
- ensure that all employees, students, contractors and visitors inform the school of incidents and accidents occurring on the school premises so that health and safety performance can be accurately gauged

All Employees

- have a duty to take reasonable care of which they are capable for their own health and safety and of others affected by their actions of work
- should comply with the safety procedures and directions agreed between the Principal, employees and with the elected occupational health and safety representative
- will not wilfully interfere with or misuse items or facilities provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare of school employees and students
- must act in accordance with agreed school procedures for accident and incident reporting and report potential hazards to the Principal

Contractors

Outsourcing work to contractors does not remove an employer's occupational health & safety obligations.

St. Elizabeth's School shall, as far as practicable, ensure that a contractor and its employees:

- Carry out their work in safe premises using proper and safe plant and equipment
- Employ systems of work that are safe and in which there has been adequate instruction, training and supervision.

For the purposes of this policy, contractors engaged to do work in the school also have obligations to ensure safe work practices and shall comply with the contractors policy.

The contractor and the Principal or Principal's nominee will complete a Job Safety Analysis. See **Attachment No 1**.

At St. Elizabeth's Parish School, Contractors need to be:

- (i) Suitably experienced to perform tasks;
- (ii) In possession of all necessary licenses, permits, registrations and insurance to perform the works safely and in compliance with the appropriate regulations;
- (iii) Notified of any potential hazards associated with the location or use of the area where the works are to be carried out.

St. Elizabeth's Parish School has a list of contractors who regularly undertake maintenance or improvements. They and the quality of their work are well known to us.

The duties of a contractor at a workplace are to undertake the works in a responsible and safe manner and as outlined in writing in the scope of works.

The duties of a contractor at the workplace relate only to matters over which, and the extent to which, the contractor has control or can reasonably be expected to have control at the site. Contractors may be defined as employers if they engage other Contractors to carry out some of their work.

Contractors and their Sub-contractors have a responsibility to ensure that new employees engaged by them are familiar with the school's environment.

Prior to the commencement of work the contractor shall

- Confirm with the Principal/Principal's nominee that they are in receipt of all necessary information regarding the task
- Provide a copy of their Safety Management plan if applicable
- Provide copies of licenses & permits
- Provide copy of currency of WorkCover Certificate and public liability
- Perform a risk assessment to ensure the work place is free of hazards.

Upon the **completion of work** the Principal or Principal's nominee will inspect the works to ensure that the site is left free from hazards and presents no risk of injury to any person who comes in contact with the site.

Consultation with staff

All employees are involved in OHS at various stages. St. Elizabeth's has a process for involving employees in identifying hazards, reporting problems and providing possible solutions to OHS issues.

This, in part, shall be done by the involvement of the Health and Safety Representative, the OHS Committee and by direct involvement of effected employees.

Direct Involvement of Staff

All general staff meetings shall contain OHS as an agenda item in which the employer can provide information on general changes to the work place and inform staff if the OHS committee has recently met. Staff will have an opportunity to raise any concerns at these weekly meetings.

St. Elizabeth's will instruct all coordinators to ensure that should OHS issues arise that affect individual Levels then those issues will also be raised in briefing meetings.

St. Elizabeth's encourages employees' participation in reporting health and safety risks.

Induction of new staff

All new staff at St Elizabeth's will be informed of the Occupational Health and Safety policies of the school through the normal induction process. Staff will be trained in safety procedures and be given a working knowledge and understanding of the commitment of the principal and staff of the school to safety and the prevention of accidents in the workplace.

Health and Safety Representative (HSR)

The Designated Work Group (DWG) shall be defined as the whole school unless staff and the Principal agree that there should be more than one DWG. Each DWG shall be entitled to be represented by one health and safety representative (HSR).

A HSR who is elected by staff, in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, shall hold the position for a term of office of no more than three years. The elected person is:

Trixie Martin 2009 - 2012

The representative's responsibilities include:

- inspecting the whole or any part of the work place:
 - at any time after giving reasonable notice to the Principal; or
 - immediately in the event of any accident, hazardous situation, dangerous occurrence or immediate risk to the health and safety of any person:
- accompany any inspector during an inspection of the workplace
- require the establishment of a health and safety committee with the consent of the employees
- to be present at any interview between any employee, an inspector or the employer, concerning a health and safety matter

The Principal will provide to the HSR any information the school possesses on the health and safety of the employees or any actual or potential hazards at the workplace.

St Elizabeth's recognises that the HSR is permitted to take such time off work with pay as is necessary for performing his/her function or duties or taking part in any course of training relating to health and safety which is approved by VWA. The Principal and HSR shall discuss a convenient time, having regard to the needs of the school to attend such course of training and carrying out the responsibilities.

Health and Safety Committee

St. Elizabeth's has established a health and safety committee. The names of the committee members are:

Trixie Martin
Dean Andrew
Christine Ash
Nan Perazzo

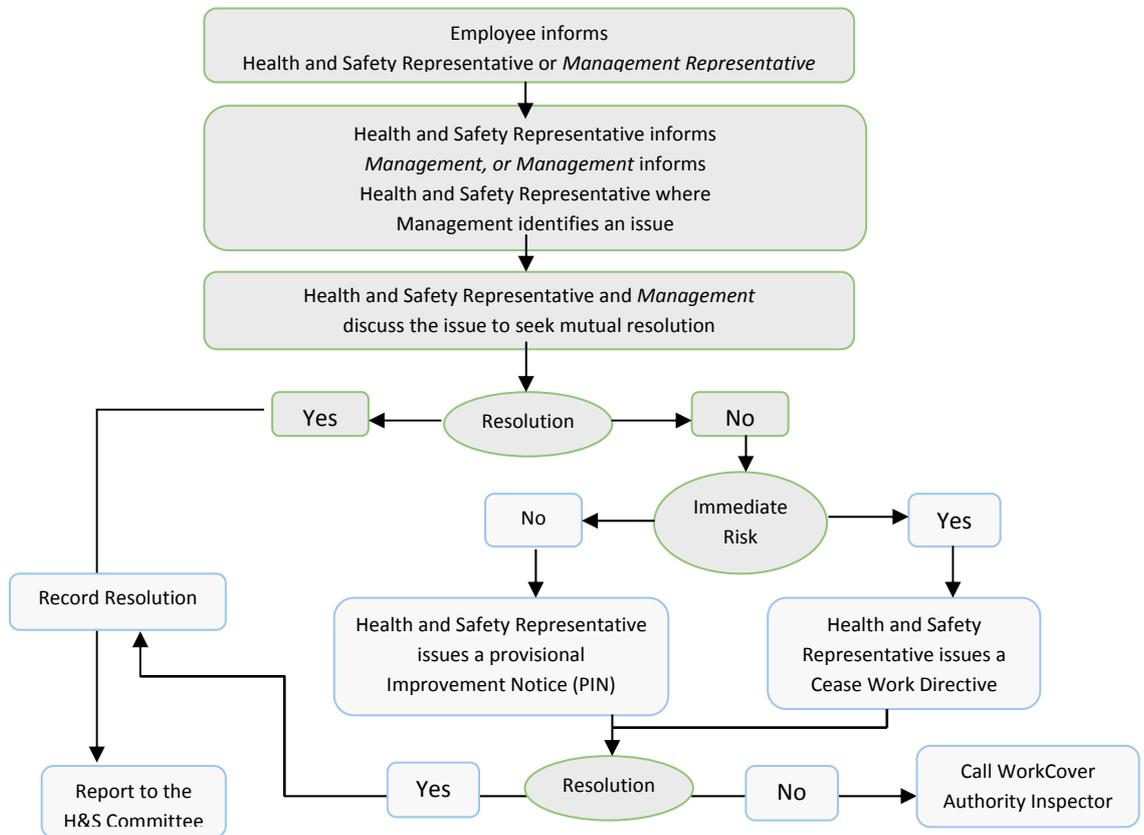
The role of the committee is:

- to facilitate co-operation between the employer and employees with a view to ensuring the health and safety of the employees
- to provide employees with information including standards, rules and procedures relating to health and safety which are to be carried out or complied with at the workplace
- to deal with any other relevant matter as agreed
- to assist the OHS representative and the Principal to ensure the OHS responsibilities of management and staff are met on a regular basis
- to assist in the communication of staff of OHS practices and awareness
- minutes of meetings will be kept and distributed to all staff
- to provide advice to the Principal on the induction of new staff on Occupational Health and Safety matters.

The health and safety committee meets once a term. The activities and issues with which the Occupational Health and safety Committee deal are reported regularly at whole staff meetings.

Issue Resolution Procedures

These procedures are based on prescribed procedures in the Occupational Health and Safety (Issue Resolution) Regulations 1999.



St. Elizabeth's actively works towards meeting the safety needs of its community as effectively as it can. A systematic process of evaluation is in place to provide information on which to base plans for improvement, by reducing the risk factors for

accidents. It is the intention of the school that involvement in such a process raises the level of consciousness and sensitivity of all involved to issues of workplace health and safety.

The risk management policy of the school requires:

- Annual Audit of the school; and
- Ad hoc audit by way of a Hazard Alert Register

Annual Audit

An annual audit is conducted by the Principal and the Occupational Health and safety representative. This involves:

- collection of information to identify potential hazards
- analysis of potential risks
- prevention of future accidents through risk control
- audit of practices, equipment and facilities in the school.
- Attachment No 2 sets out the areas that will comprise this annual audit

Hazard Alert Register

In addition to the annual audit, St. Elizabeth's has instituted a process of identifying hazards and risks. This process involves keeping a school Hazard Alert Register (Attachment 3) as a means of identifying and controlling hazards in St. Elizabeth's. This register contains:

- date
- description of hazard or near miss
- reported by
- reported to
- action taken

Slips, Trips and Falls

To reduce the incidents of slip hazards in the general environment St Elizabeth's uses a checklist to identify slip hazards. See Attachment No 4.

St. Elizabeth's is aware that accidents happening to employees by slipping, tripping and falling are common accidents in schools and as such, all employees, as a matter of policy, need to take special care in moving around the school. Special attention is drawn to:

- stairs
- tripping
- wet floor/ground
- falls from chairs/tables
- falls from ladders
- falls over mats and ramps
- removal of balls from school building roofs
- appropriate footwear

Dangerous goods and equipment

St. Elizabeth's has put into place a system to manage dangerous goods and equipment with the objective of ensuring their use, storage and maintenance are safe

and that all persons are aware of any potential safety risks involving the goods and equipment. Attachment No 5 sets out the areas that are closely monitored by our school.

Electrical

St Elizabeth's conducts safety checks of all electrical equipment in the school. Our practices include as part of this policy:

- an annual inspection of leads if mobile and 5 yearly if location is permanent. The inspection includes testing and tagging of equipment.
- safe use of double adaptors/ power boards
- power points and switches are securely fixed to the wall/ceiling
- cracked and broken power plates to be replaced
- frayed or damaged leads to be replaced no temporary leads on floor

Environmental issues

St. Elizabeth's has put into place a system to manage environmental issues with the objective of ensuring that environmental issues are safe and that all persons are aware of any potential safety risks involving environmental issues. Attachment No 6 sets out the areas that are closely monitored by our school.

Fire, Explosion and Emergency management.

The school has a separate policy on fire, explosion and emergency procedures and this policy covers evacuation procedures.

Health

First Aid

St Elizabeth's Parish School ensures:

- all staff required to provide first aid are to be trained and hold first aid qualifications
- that a first aid officer will be designated to be on duty during lunch breaks, recess etc

AIDS/HIV Policy

St. Elizabeth's Parish School:

- provides a procedure for dealing with blood spills and communicates this procedure to all staff.

Skin cancer prevention

St. Elizabeth's protects staff and students from the harmful effects of the sun, especially at lunchtime, when sunshine is strongest. Employees and students are expected to wear a sun hat during outdoor activities. St. Elizabeth's provides sun cream and hats for employees use during school hours.

Voice

St Elizabeth's is mindful of the risks to teachers of chronic dysphonia. There may be pain in the larynx together with huskiness. The Principal will keep a close check on teachers who report early problems with the method of voice production. When a case presents itself the Principal shall seek expert advice.

Bullying and harassment

St Elizabeth's is aware of the risks to employees of workplace bullying. The school defines workplace bullying as repeated, unreasonable behaviour directed toward an employee or group of employees that creates a risk to health and safety. The Principal provides information to staff on a regular basis to assist in:

- recognising bullying in the workplace
- the possible effects of bullying
- steps to take in elimination of such behaviour

Airborne contaminants

(Asbestos) Regulations 1992

St Elizabeth's is mindful of the risks of asbestos. As such St. Elizabeth's keeps a record and results of inspections indicating the site and description of materials identified as possibly containing asbestos.

St. Elizabeth's holds a copy of the OHS (Asbestos) Regulations 1992. The Principal is aware of the responsibilities to assess and control any risk associated with asbestos in the school. Initially the Principal will determine, as far as is practicable, whether asbestos or asbestos containing materials are present in the school buildings, or in the contents of the buildings, and if necessary arrange for the control or removal of those materials.

Smoke free workplaces

St. Elizabeth's has a smoke free policy. Smoking is not permitted in the school grounds.

Manual handling

St. Elizabeth's complies with the Manual Handling Code of Practice which requires employers, in consultation with employees and health and safety representatives, to examine and assess manual handling tasks likely to be a risk to health and safety.. The Principal is aware of the need to protect employees from the risk of musculoskeletal disorder (MSD). St. Elizabeth's Occupational Health and Safety Committee is responsible for the examination of the Manual Handling Code and for the manual handling training of employees. Attachment 7 is used to identify and address manual handling risks in our school.

Noise guidelines

St. Elizabeth's complies with its obligations as detailed in the Occupational Health and Safety (Noise) Regulations that describe the maximum allowable exposure to noise in a workplace.

Collecting information about the accident

Notification - Register of Injuries

When an accident or an injury occurs in St. Elizabeth's, details are entered in the Register of Injuries. This is a requirement of the Accident Compensation Act. Attachment No 8 is a copy of a Register of Injuries. The Register is located in an overhead cupboard in the main office.

Notice of serious injury

St. Elizabeth's is aware of its obligations to immediately notify the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) by telephoning 131360 96411444 or 1800136089 in the event of:

- the death of any person
- a person requiring medical treatment within 48 hours of exposure to a substance
- a person requiring immediate treatment as an in-patient in a hospital.

- a person requiring immediate treatment for:
 - the amputation of any part of his or her body
 - a serious head injury
 - a serious eye injury
 - the separation of his or her skin from an underlying tissue (eg de-gloving or scalping)
 - electric shock

Written notification of the event (**Attachment No 9**) will also be sent to WorkCover within 48 hours of the incident. The incident notification form is to be sent to the nearest WorkCover office by facsimile as a written record of workplace deaths or serious injuries. St. Elizabeth's will keep a copy of this record for five years.

A copy of this notification will also be forwarded to the Director of Catholic Education Office

Accident Investigation

St. Elizabeth's has put a system in place for the reporting and recording of all accidents.

The Principal will advise the OHS representative when an injury occurs and the OH&S representative in conjunction with the return to work co-ordinator will ensure that steps are taken to reduce the risk of further injury in the workplace by identifying and, as far as practicable, reducing the risk of subsequent injury of that kind. However, confidentiality for the injured employee will be maintained at all times.

Gathering this type of information is important and involves a whole range of people within our school. Accident data when combined with information from inspections, checklists, and interviews will provide valuable insights into health and safety within the school. Such information allows for making informed decisions as to what action can be taken to reduce risks or hazards.

Injured Employees

St. Elizabeth's recognises that injuries may occur, and in the event that an injury does occur, we are committed to the philosophy and practice of occupational rehabilitation. The school believes that providing a safe, early return to meaningful and productive work is in the best interest of all staff. Consequently, it encourages full and active participation from all levels of management and staff in creating a supportive environment conducive to the rehabilitation process and the speedy return of colleagues to the workplace.

To achieve this, we have the following objectives:

- return to work should be a normal expectation of all employees following a work related injury. The intention is to return the injured employee to work as soon as possible
- all employees are encouraged to report all work related illnesses and injuries immediately
- occupational rehabilitation will commence immediately and be carried out in the appropriate manner with the involvement of all parties
- each employees' occupational rehabilitation program will be developed individually, and on a confidential basis, with the employee concerned

Nan Perazzo

The role of the return to work co-ordinator is as follows:

- Assist injured employees to remain at work wherever practicable or to return to suitable work as soon as possible after injury.
- Ensure that a return to work plan is established for each employee who has an injury that involves 20 or more days of total incapacity for work.
- Liaise with any parties involved in the treatment or occupational rehabilitation of injured employees or involved with the workplace to assist an injured employee to remain at or return to suitable work after injury.
- Ensure the confidentiality of personal information made available while co-ordinating return to work activities, organising occupational rehabilitation services or in any other activity related to the management of an injured employee's claim.
- Monitor the progress of the return to suitable work of an employee following injury and of any occupational rehabilitation services provided under a return to work plan.
- Ensure that, where appropriate, an injured employee is referred to an approved occupational rehabilitation provider for assistance to return to suitable work.
- With more complex and serious injuries, the return to work co-ordinator will also be responsible for authorising on behalf of the school, expenditure of up to \$1,200 on the provision of occupational rehabilitation services.

We have also appointed a general practitioner as our medical services provider whose name, address and telephone number is below:

McKinley Medical Centre, 433 Police Rd, Mulgrave, 97954011

Occupational Providers

St. Elizabeth's has appointed JLT Workers Compensation Services Pty Ltd, 468 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, (telephone 03.9860.355) as the preferred WorkCover insurer. The school co-operates with the WorkCover insurer to ensure that appropriate occupational providers are appointed to assist in the rehabilitation of injured employees.

Occupational Health and Safety Resources

St. Elizabeth's keeps itself up to date with resources to assist it in understanding its obligation regarding issues by discussing the following:

- Consolidated acts and regulations
www.austlii.edu.au
- Department of Education and Training (DET) Guidelines:
www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/hrm/ohs/accprev.guide.htm
- WorkSafe Victoria:
www.worksafe.vic.gov.au
- Information Victoria
www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au (select) Victorian Law Today
(select) Acts or Statutory Rules
(select) (same as regulations)
"O" for OHS
- Victorian Catholic Schools Association
www.vcsa.vic.edu.au
- Catholic Church Insurance (CCI)
www.ccinsurances.com.au

All employees will be advised, in writing, of agreed changes and arrangements for their implementation.

St. Elizabeth's Parish School

Occupational Health and Safety

Job Safety Analysis Worksheet

School Name: Date:

Site Name: Permit to Work requirements: Yes No

Contractor: Approved by:

Activity:

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Activity: List the tasks required to perform the activity in the sequence they are carried out	Hazards: Against each task list the hazards that could cause injury when the task is performed	Risk Control Measures: List the control measures required to eliminate or minimise the risk of injury arising from the identified hazard	Who is responsible? Write the name of the person responsible (supervisor or above) to implement the control measure identified

St. Elizabeth's Parish School

ANNUAL AUDIT

Checklist for Housekeeping in Offices, Staff Rooms and Class Rooms

	Yes	No	Action
Class rooms			
▪ Is the no-smoking policy observed throughout the school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Is there enough space for staff to carry out their duties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are there enough cupboards, shelving, in room for class requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are lighting levels adequate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are all exits and entry free from hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are fire extinguishers readily accessible and their location known?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are different types of fire extinguishers marked and identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are class room tables and chairs at appropriate heights?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Do staff have access to and training in use of ladders to reach elevated areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Do staff have seating appropriately designed to maximise comfort and minimise poor posture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Office**Yes****No****Action**

All the above may be checked. Other areas that may need inspecting include:

- Is the non-smoking policy observed throughout the school?
- Are computer screens placed so that there is no glare on the screen?
- Are monitors fully adjustable for height, tilt and distance from front of desk?
- Are adjustable chairs provided and correctly adjusted for the person using it, eg back support?
- Are desks at the right height for the work being done?
- Are keyboards/books/files/paper within easy reach?
- Does the operator have an adjustable document holder?
- Are emergency numbers attached to phones?
- Are first aid kits fully equipped, and available, and their location known to all staff?
- Are fire extinguishers correctly marked with identifying markings?
- Are there staff trained in the use of fire extinguishers?
- Have you considered the Manual handling (Occupational Overuse Syndrome) Code of Practice?

Staff rooms**Yes****No****Action*****Eating area***

- Is the non smoking policy observed throughout the school?
- Is crockery chip and crack free?
- Are the facilities hygienically clean and tidy?
- Are waste bins available and accessible?
- Are lighting levels adequate?
- Do all electrical/leads/cables/sockets fit properly?
- Is all electrical equipment safely maintained, eg if an urn is well balanced and secured to the bench? Does the outside get hot to the touch?
- Is rubbish left lying around?

Work area

- Do work areas have sufficient space around desks, tables?
- Is there sufficient storage for teacher requirements?
- Is the access to this area good?
- Are there any manual handling problems?
- Are chairs adjustable for a variety of people?
- Is lighting sufficient for any work being done?
- Is ventilation sufficient for the area?

St. Elizabeth's Primary School

Check list for slip hazards

	Yes	No	Action
Are outdoor surfaces kept free of leaves, mud, clippings, paper, gravel and moss?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cleaning of floor surfaces done outside working hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are suitable mats present at entrance of buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is an effective cleaning and maintenance program in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are hazardous warning signs in place for the immediate management of spills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are slip-resistant strips applied to walking or working surfaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are floors, walkways, entrances and exits free from obstructions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are any electrical leads or cables on the floor or in walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are computer cable leads secured and not on floors?

Are carpet, tiles in good repair?

Are there folders, brief cases, bags on the floor or in passageways?

Are paths smooth and level?

Are there any other tripping or slipping hazards in the grounds

Are outside steps and ramps in good repair, non slip?

Are edges of steps clearly marked and well lit at night?

St. Elizabeth's Parish School

Dangerous Goods and Equipment

	Yes	No	Action
▪ Does the school have all general safety/warning signs in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Has the school implemented the provisions of the Dangerous Goods code of practice. In the case of Science facilities have the "Guidelines for the Storage of Science Chemicals" been implemented?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Does the school require a HAZCHEM sign?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ If so are there ways of reducing chemicals to eliminate this requirement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Has an audit of dangerous goods been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Do you have a chemical register?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Do you have material safety data sheets for all chemicals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are these available to all staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are these data sheets in an accessible place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are fume cabinets installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Is storage for the area adequate, well laid out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Has chemical segregation/storage been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Have procedures for the disposal of chemicals been established?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Does any work process generate dust, smoke, fumes, gases or solvents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ If so what options are there to deal with this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No	Action
▪ Is there an effective system of ventilation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are tests of air conditioning systems conducted regularly and reports obtained and filed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Is there adequate circulation of fresh air?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Do staff in this area suffer from eye, nose, throat or skin irritations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Is protective apparel available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are these checked for effectiveness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Do teachers and students use protective equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Have accident reports been checked to identify any chemical hazards needing further action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are work areas, equipment and machines kept clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

St. Elizabeth's Parish School

Checklist on Environmental Issues

	Yes	No	Action
Outside ground layout			
▪ Are fences and gates all in good repair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are sports and physical education areas designed to accommodate activities safely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Could they be causes of accidents, eg can the gate rebound if a child pushes it hard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Does the fence have broken wire, holes, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are outside steps and ramps in good repair, non slip?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are handrails in good repair and free from splinters, breaks in the wood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are there any blind corners or posts, which can cause accidents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are entrances and exits clear of hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are playground equipment areas kept covered with appropriate layers of tanbark and is this raked regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are emergency exits clear and accessible from inside the building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Are people aware of when doors are going to be opened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ventilation, heating and cooling**Yes** **No** **Action**

- Is there adequate fresh air circulating in all areas?
- Is air conditioning, if used, tested regularly?
- Is air conditioning, temperature, air flow balanced to all locations?
- Are there draughts in rooms, corridors, etc., that are inconvenient, uncomfortable?
- Is heating ample for all rooms?
- Have passive insulation measures been fully assessed?

Storage

- Are stored materials regularly assessed and unused materials disposed of?
- Is capacity adequate in each area?
- Is storage laid out so that heavier materials are stored at waist height?
- Are staff required to reach above shoulder height for extended periods?
- Are ladders freely available for use?
- Are staff been trained in the principles of safe use of a ladder?
- Is any lifting or exertion required to reach articles in storage?
- Are there mechanical aides available to assist in materials storage and handling?
- Have manual handling tasks been identified and assessed?

Office staff collecting heavy loads of mail

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Writing on blackboard/whiteboard

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Obtaining resources from shelves on staff desks (Steps)

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Climbing onto roof to collect balls

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If you ticked one or more of the boxes for a particular task, you must do a risk assessment of that task.

Hazardous manual handling must be identified for all existing and proposed tasks in your workplace. You must also identify hazardous manual handling whenever changes occur in the workplace, or new information or reports of MSD are brought to your attention (See Section 11 of the

St. Elizabeth's Register of Injuries

No

1.	Worker's name: Surname: Given:
2.	Worker's occupation or job title:
3.	Date and Time of Injury: Date: Time:
4.	Worker's exact location at time of injury:
5.	Describe in detail how the injury was sustained:
6.	Describe the harm (nature) and body parts affected by injury: Harm: Body Parts :
7.	Witnesses, if any to the injury: Surname: Given: Surname: Given:
8.	St.xxx person making entry. Date of entry and declaration: I declare that all particulars given are a true and accurate account of details of the injury as know by me. Signature: Date:
9.	St.xxx management representative acknowledging receipt of advice of injury. Date of entry and declaration: Surname: Given: Job Title: I acknowledge receipt of advice of injury and confirm that written acknowledgement of injury advice has been given to the injured worker. Signature:Date:

COMPLETED COPY TO BE GIVEN TO INJURED WORKER BY MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE AS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF INJURY

WORKSAFE VICTORIA

Incident Notification Form

Person submitting details

Name: Telephone:

Date: Date and Time of Incident:

Employer: **St. Elizabeth's Parish School**.....

Place/location where incident occurred:

Business Address:

Name of employer of deceased/injured person(s), if any, different from above:

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Brief description of incident (Give details of type of injury, if any, caused by incident):

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Details of injured person(s)

Name: Male Female

Residential Address:

Date of Birth: Telephone No

Occupation/job title/description:

Employee/contractor/member of public:

Work activity being undertaken at time of incident (identify any plant, substance, equipment involved):

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Person(s) who saw incident or first came to scene:

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Action taken/intended, if any, to prevent recurrence of incident:

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Declaration

I declare that where I provide personal or health information to the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) about any other individual, I am authorised to provide that information. The information has been collected in accordance with the applicable privacy legislation and the individual has been or will be made aware of the VWA's identity and how to contact it and of the other matters of which an individual is required to be made aware when personal or health information is collected about them.

Signature:

Name:

Date: