

CLEANNING OF BLOOD SPILLS

POLICY

Rationale:

- A healthy and safe working environment is vital to the successful functioning of our school. Promotion and maintenance of a safe working environment is a responsibility shared by all.

Aims:

- To ensure that appropriate standards of workplace safety are maintained at all times.
- To raise the profile of Occupational Health and Safety issued within the school.
- To create a team approach to health and safety issues.
- To prevent accident, injuries and disease in the workplace.

Implementation:

- Occupational Health and Safety is a shared responsibility of the School Council and all staff.
- The required number of first aid trained personnel will be maintained at all times.
- In the event of an incident that incurs the spilling of blood the following steps will occur.
 1. use gloves
 2. saturate disposable towel in bleach
 3. cover the spill with the towel
 4. leave for 10 minutes
 5. place the towel into a disposable plastic bag
 6. wash the area with hot soapy water
 7. place gloves into a plastic bag
 8. seal the bag and dispose of the bag thoughtfully
 9. wash your hands
- Staff available to clean up blood spills will include: First Aid Officer, the Assistant Principal and the Lab Tech.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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