



# 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 Monbulk College via the methods set out in this policy

## Policy

Monbulk 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

- Monbulk College School Council requires that all actions related to internet banking are consistent with The Department's [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#).
- Monbulk College School Council approves the use of Combiz as the approved software for all internet banking activities as individual authority and security tokens are required. Bendigo Bank is the approved supplier of EFTPOS hardware and software.
- 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 Council nominated by the School Council.
- Monbulk College School Council will determine how refunds will be processed and no refunds will be processed through the EFTPOS terminal but through CASES21.
- Monbulk College will undertake maintenance and upgrading of hardware and software as required.
- Monbulk 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 Monbulk College, will ensure all staff operating the merchant facility are aware of security requirements. At our school, this includes:

- Physical security of EFTPOS machine

- Documentation kept by the school confirming all transactions such merchant copies of EFTPOS receipts, void receipts, daily EFTPOS reconciliation reports, authorisation details, relevant CASES21 reports
- the appropriate segregation of duties to ensure and maintain the security, accuracy and legitimacy of transactions. This can be implemented, by alternating sequential tasks, so that no one person has complete responsibility for the entire transaction, provided that some separation occurs between key activities.
- establishment of an EFTPOS user register outlining the name of the school user, their employee ID and the EFTPOS functions they are authorised to perform
- staff familiarisation with the EFTPOS facility's functionality and User Guide provided by Financial Institution
- register of void transactions
- procedures and documentation for processing phone and offline receipts and refund transactions
- reconciliation of daily EFTPOS settlement statements with CASES21 transactions.
- No refunds will be made through the EFTPOS terminal but only through CASES21.
- No "Cash Out" will be permitted on any school EFTPOS facility.
- Monbulk College will accept EFTPOS transactions via telephone or post.
- School Council minutes must record which staff are authorised to process transactions.

### **Direct Debit**

- All direct debit agreements must be approved and signed by School Council prior to implementation.
- The School Council 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.
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- No "Cash Out" will be permitted on any school EFTPOS facility.
- Monbulk College will accept EFTPOS transactions via telephone or post.
- Monbulk College will ensure adequate funds are available in the Official Account for the "sweep" of funds to the supplier.

### **Direct Deposit**

- Monbulk 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 responsibilities [e.g. Business Manager to access statements and upload batches]
  - the identification of staff with authorisation/signatory responsibilities [e.g. The Principal and School Council delegate for the authorisation of payments]
  - the Business Manager must not have banking authorisation/signatory responsibilities other than for the transferring of funds between school bank accounts
  - the allocation and security of personal identification number (PIN) information or software authorisation tokens
  - the setting up of payee details in CASES21
  - the authorisation of transfer of funds from the official account to payee accounts
  - alternative procedures for processing, using the direct deposit facility, for periods of Business Manager's and Principal leave of absence.

## **BPAY**

Monbulk College School Council will approve in writing the School Council'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 and all policies will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

## **Further Information And Resources**

- Finance Manual for Victorian Government Schools
  - [Section 3 Risk Management](#)
  - [Section 4 Internal Controls](#)
  - [Section 10 Receivables Management and Cash Handling](#)
 Available from: [Finance Manual — Financial Management for Schools](#)
- [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#)
- CASES21 Finance Business Process Guide
  - [Section 1: Families](#)
- [Internal Controls for Victorian Government Schools](#)

- [ICT Security Policy](#)
- [Public Records Office Victoria](#)
- [Records Management — School Records](#)

### **Policy Review and Approval**

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