

Pest Control Policy

Rationale

St Philomena's School is committed to appropriate and responsible pest management practices. The school's policy aims to:

- ensure pest problems are competently assessed
- provide effective pest control where this is justified
- ensure that pest control practices do not pose a threat to the health or safety of staff, students or visitors to the school
- minimise environmental damage from pest control practices.

Aims

The school will ensure that:

- legislative requirements are complied with
- good hygiene and sanitation practices are observed to prevent large populations of pests from developing
- pest control methods are chosen which deal effectively with the pests while minimising health, safety or environmental risks
- pest control activities are timed to avoid exposure of staff, students or others
- only licensed pest control operators are used
- notifications are made as appropriate and required information is obtained
- suitable precautions are taken before and after spraying with pesticides
- insurance and liability issues receive due attention.

Implementation

The day-to-day responsibility for ensuring that these objectives are met rests with all staff:

Evaluation

The evaluation of St Philomena's Pest Control Policy will occur when relevant issues arise.

Pest Control Procedure

St Philomena's School is committed to appropriate and responsible Pest Management practices.

To ensure an appropriate standard is met at St Philomena's School :

- Professional cleaning staff has been employed to ensure good hygiene and sanitation practices are observed to prevent large populations of pests from developing.
- Classroom teachers are responsible for leaving classrooms in a clean manner at the end of terms to prevent populations of pests developing.
- Children are required to clean their eating area before leaving to play at lunch times to prevent populations of pests developing.
- The charges roster designates responsibility for the emptying of bins at the conclusion of each day to prevent the overflowing of papers and populations of pests developing.