STAFF INFORMATION REGISTERS POLICY

RATIONALE
In order to comply with DEECD standards and requirements Mernda Primary School will maintain the following Registers in relation to training, qualification and suitability of employment to undertake certain duties:

AIM
• To provide a system for the recording and monitoring/updating of staff qualifications
• To provide documentation to assist The Teacher In Charge in the identification of suitably qualified staff when planning incursions, excursions and camps.

IMPLEMENTATION
Register of all staff
Mernda Primary School will keep an electronic and hard copy Register of the following qualifications of Teaching and Education Support Staff.
- The Register will include dates for renewal of qualifications
- A hard copy of the Register will be kept in a secure location in the administration offices
- An electronic copy will be available on the t-drive and U-drive
- Original copies of all documentation will be kept in a Registration Folder in a secure location

• Victorian Institute of Teaching registration:
  Current registration is required by all Teacher and Principal Class members, including Casual Relief Teachers.
  It is the responsibility of the Human Resources Coordinator to ensure prior to employment, that all prospective new employees are compliant with VIT registration.
  It is the responsibility of each Teacher and Principal Class member to ensure that their registration is current. This information can be accessed by visiting My VIT at http://www.vit.vic.edu.au
  Any Teacher or Principal Class member whose registration lapses or is suspended will be removed from their duties.
  Provisionally registered Teachers must meet the VIT requirements to gain Full Registration within the time frame set out by the VIT.

• Working with Children Check:
  A current satisfactory Working with Children Check E (Employment) is required by all Education Support Staff, including Casual ES Staff and any workers based at Mernda Primary School (even if not employed by Mernda Primary School such as the CRE Instructors, Regional Staff). A current satisfactory Working with Children Check V (Volunteer) is required by volunteers while working with students. Volunteers must be in line of sight of supervising classroom teacher.
  It is the responsibility of the Human Resources Officer to ensure prior to employment that any prospective new employees are compliant with their WWC Check. (Note if a person is registered with the VIT this replaces the requirement for a WWC Check).
WWC Checks are valid for 5 years from the date of issue. It is the responsibility of each ES Staff member, and other workers and volunteers to ensure that their registration is current. This information can be accessed by visiting https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu

Eight weeks prior to the WWC Check expiring, a pre-populated renewal application form will be sent to the cardholder.

Any worker or volunteer who does not have a current satisfactory Working with Children Check will be removed from their duties.

• **First Aid Qualifications**
  Only staff sufficiently trained under the OHS Act 2004 and DEECD First Aid Policy will be placed on the First Aid roster.
  Mernda Primary School maintains a Register for First Aid qualifications for all staff. The Principal or Nominee is responsible for providing information to a designated ES staff member regarding the expiry date and the level of attainment for:
  - CPR (12 months)
  - First Aid Training
  - Anaphylaxis Training
  The Principal/Nominee will check the currency of First Aid qualifications at the beginning of each Semester when the staff duty rosters are being compiled.

  Staff whose First Aid qualification is expiring in the next Semester are notified of this.
  A copy of all First Aid qualifications is placed in the staff member’s personnel file.

• **Occupational Health & Safety Competencies**
  A spread sheet of OHS Competencies will be included as part of the Register. The Principal/Nominee will provide the designated ES staff member responsible for the maintenance of the Register with details of those staff competent in the following areas:
  - OHS training
  - Mandatory reporting
  - Workplace Harassment training

**Evaluation**

This policy will also be reviewed as part of the school’s regular policy review process.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 19th November 2014