



SOMERSET CRESCENT SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

RATIONALE:

The Board of Trustees is committed to

- Ensuring as much as possible the health and safety of students, employees and other persons while at school
- Identifying actual or potential hazards, and acting on them

PURPOSE:

1. The need to have worksafe systems in place for identification, inspection, recording, investigation and staff training
2. Meeting the physical standards as identified in current school Health & Safety Codes and Acts, so the school conditions are clean, safe and healthy for all.

GUIDELINES:

1. The Board of Trustees
 - Identifies and reduces hazards and deals with complaints
 - Reduces or eliminates identified hazards
 - Notifies the Ministry of Education of hazards where immediate remedial action is not practicable
 - Reports to the Ministry where the minimum standards prescribed in the Code cannot be met
2. The Ministry of Education as owner
 - Recommends to the BOT what work is to be carried out, provides finances or restricts activities
 - Exempts the BOT from liability, and indemnifies the BOT from the cost consequences of the Act, provided the BOT has kept the Ministry informed of hazards and instances where the school facilities are not up to code
3. The safety of students, staff and parents helpers whilst on school excursions outside the school grounds is a responsibility of the Board. Safety can be achieved by
 - Outlining precautions necessary to ensure safety, and
 - Giving guidelines and procedures to follow in emergencies
4. The school also attempts to help parents with the safety of students when getting to and from school

CONCLUSION:

Somerset Crescent School endeavours to have systems in place which will ensure we are proactive dealing with hazards and safety matters

Associated policies: Student Safety, Abuse, Playground Duty, E.O.T.C. Volunteers, Bicycles