

GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

ELECTRONIC FUNDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

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*School Council Endorsement Required

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 Greater Shepparton Secondary College via the methods set out in this policy

POLICY

Greater Shepparton Secondary 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

- Greater Shepparton Secondary College school council requires that all actions related to internet banking are consistent with The Department's [Schools Electronic Funds Management Guidelines](#).
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College school council approves the use of Commonwealth Bank Combiz as the approved software for all internet banking activities as individual authority and security tokens are required.
- 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.
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College school council will determine how refunds will be processed, and any refunds processed through the EFTPOS terminal will be recorded in a refund register.
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College will undertake maintenance and upgrading of hardware and software as required.
- Greater Shepparton Secondary 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 Greater Shepparton Secondary College, will ensure all staff operating the merchant facility are aware of security requirements.
- School council minutes must record which staff are authorised to process transactions.

- No “Cash Out” will be permitted on any school EFTPOS facility.
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College will accept EFTPOS transactions via telephone or post.
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College will not process refunds through EFTPOS.

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 eg VicSuper and additional suppliers once they become known, this is to be reported and approved through finance committee. 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.
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College will ensure adequate funds are available in the Official Account for the “sweep” of funds to the supplier.

Direct Deposit

- Greater Shepparton Secondary 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/authorisation responsibilities [cannot be the Business Manager]
 - the identification of payment authorisers [the Principal and other designated officer]
 - 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

Greater Shepparton Secondary 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.

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: [School Financial Guidelines](#)
- [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](#)
- [Archives and Records Management Advice for Schools.](#)