



LEAD Smart Policy

Love God, Love one another and Love Learning

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC SCHOOL | MOUNT ISA

Love Learning

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Statement of Policy

This policy aims to protect all staff, students, parents, families, volunteers and contracted services of St Kieran's Catholic School from the lead within the Mount Isa.

Rationale

As a result of both naturally occurring mineralization and industrial activities within Mount Isa region there is lead present in the Mount Isa environment.

St Kieran's Catholic School is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and working environment for its students and staff, as well as the boarder school community including parents and carers and families of the students and staff and contracted services.

Our School Values

We are called to emulate Jesus' call to love God and to love each other. We look to the values taught to us in Scripture and the Christian Tradition to guide us including:

- Love
- Belonging
- Community
- Respect
- Reconciliation

Awareness & Standards

- **Inform** prospective and new families of the LEAD Smart policy including awareness, standards and procedures.
- **Maintain awareness** within the school community of the LEAD Smart policy including awareness, standards and procedures.
- Engage the school community in the **implementation and maintenance** of the LEAD Smart policy including awareness, standards and procedures.
- Implement the principles of **Wet, Wipe, Wash & Eat Well** practices.
- Provide positive **role models** for students in all aspects of lead safe behaviours.
- Incorporate lead education into the school **curriculum**.
- Maintain the **school grounds** in such a way as to minimize the potential for student, staff or visitor contact with environmental lead.
- Maintain **classrooms** to minimize the potential for students, staff or visitor contact with environmental lead.

Policy Statement	Procedure
Inform prospective and new families of the LEAD Smart policy including awareness, standards and procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the LEAD Smart Policy incorporated into school prospectus packs. • LEAD Smart signage and posters displayed in the school grounds.
Maintain awareness within the school community of the LEAD Smart policy including awareness, standards and procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled newsletter reminders / information • Staff and parent information sessions at the beginning of each school year. • LEAD Smart signage and posters displayed in the school grounds.
Engage the school community in the implementation and maintenance of the LEAD Smart policy including awareness, standards and procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&F and the School Board support for changes to existing infrastructure and maintenance • School, students and parents included in the update of the policy
Implement the principles of Wet, Wipe, Wash & Eat Well practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands will be washed prior to meal times • Hands will be washed after any outside activity • Meals provided by the tuck shop will help minimize lead absorption • Classrooms will be supplied with materials to assist with Wet Wipe, Wash & Eat Well.
Provide positive role models for students in all aspects of lead safe behaviours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will actively implement and encourage lead safety behavior • Encourage LEAD Smart behavior at home by educating parents through the newsletter and information sessions.
Incorporate lead education into the school curriculum .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Alliance classroom activities included in the curriculum • LEAD Smart education included in Health and Personal Development curriculum.
Maintain in school grounds in such a way as to minimize the potential for student, staff or visitor contact with environmental lead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All hard surfaces will be washed down regularly • No new fill/soil will be brought onto the school grounds without first being analysed for lead content. • Eating areas will be grassed or sealed • Outside cement areas hosed down regularly
Maintain classroom to minimize the potential for students, staff or visitor contact with environmental lead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All carpets will be vacuumed twice a week • All carpets will be steam cleaned regularly • All hard flooring is to be mopped twice a week • All bench tops, tables and storage surfaces will be wiped down daily • Mats will be used at the entry to each room to minimize the tracking of soil inside