

Section – Wellbeing Policy No – WEL-011



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PURPOSE

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Minimum Standards for school registration, including the Child Safe Standards, Tyrrell College maintains a register of all employees, volunteers and visitors (including contractors) Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) details, where they are required to have one under the *Worker Screening Act 2020* or under our school or department policies.

The register includes each person's:

- name
- card number
- expiry date
- status check

This procedure outlines how our school maintains this register. It also outlines the required process for entering WWCC and Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration information onto eduPay.

PROCEDURE

VIT registration and WWCC requirements

All employees of Tyrrell College employed to undertake teaching duties must be registered with the VIT. This includes Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs). Staff with VIT registration do **not** also require a WWCC.

All employees of Tyrrell College employed as education support staff or in roles that are non-teaching roles must have a current WWCC (unless they have VIT registration).

Employee VIT registration and WWCC details must be recorded in eduPay. Procedures for staff to enter VIT registration and WWCC details into eduPay are set out in the [Update Victorian Institute of Teaching and Working With Children Check card details](#) quick reference guide.

All volunteers and visitors (including contractors or staff placed through agencies/third parties) who are engaged in child-related work or are required to have a WWCC under our school's Volunteers or Visitors policies will be required to provide evidence of a current WWCC.

Volunteer and visitor WWCC details will be recorded in our WWCC Register in Passtab.

Any employee, volunteer or visitor who does not have a current satisfactory WWCC or VIT registration where required under this procedure, will be removed from their duties until such time as they provide satisfactory evidence of their clearance.

WWCC Register

Our school maintains the WWCC Register in Passtab.

Adding new employees, volunteers and visitors to the WWCC Register

Tyrrell College Business Manager/administrative staff are responsible for verifying WWCC information for any new employee, volunteer or visitor (where applicable), under the following process:

1. Ensure all details are entered into the Passtab system.
2. [Ensure the WWCC card type is correct \(Employee or Volunteer\)](#)
3. Passtab will do a status check of the WWCC details and send an email to the school account
4. Retain a copy of any documentation sent by the Department of Justice and Community Safety (such as the letter of confirmation for employees and any volunteers or contractors who have listed the school on their WWCC details), and records of any other child safety suitability checks (such as reference checks) in the employee file or relevant file for visitors and volunteers WWCC information.

Ongoing maintenance of the WWCC Register

[Note: If the employee, volunteer or visitor has entered the school details into their card account, the Department's Employee Conduct Branch will be contacted by the Department of Justice and Community Safety about any changes to the card status, who will in turn contact the school. By law, the card holder must also inform the school in writing of any subsequent exclusion notice they receive.

- Tyrrell College will proactively run a 'Bulk Status Check' of all WWCC in Passtab at least once every 12 months to check for any status changes
- periodically review their WWCC register to anticipate upcoming expiry dates and take steps to remind card holders close to expiry to renew their WWCC – this can be done at the same time as the WWCC status check process.

The following procedure to maintain the Register is sample only – please amend to reflect the process in place at your school for ensuring the WWCC information in your register remains current and that no employee, volunteer or visitor is working at the school without a valid WWCC.]

1. At the beginning of each school year the Business Manager/Admin Staff will run another check of the [WWCC Status Checker](#) to check if there have been any changes to a person's WWCC status
2. Where a person's WWCC status has changed to indicate a concern (eg expired, suspension or revocation of clearance) the principal will inform immediately and steps will be taken to ensure the person is removed from their duties until such time as they provide satisfactory evidence of their clearance.
3. At the same time as running the check it will be noted where clearances are due to expire during the year
4. Where the check is expiring during the year the Business Manager/Admin staff will contact the WWCC holder to remind them that their WWCC is due to expire and to request updated information once it has been renewed
5. When the updated information is provided the information is entered into the [WWCC Status Checker](#) and verified by clicking "Bulk Status Check"

Employee VIT or WWCC information on eduPay

Upon engagement of a new employee Tyrrell College Business Manager will follow the [eduPay User Guide: School Appointments](#) to ensure they are properly entered into eduPay (regardless of whether they are Department or school council employees) including:

- checking that employees have been entered correctly as either a teacher (if they are performing teaching duties) or education support staff, and that valid and current VIT registration or WWCC information (as applicable) has been entered into eduPay by the staff member
- for employees who have entered WWCC information, checking that the card type is entered as 'Employee' and verifying the WWCC details through the process outlined above.

VIT registration status is verified and monitored through a centralised process between VIT and the Department of Education and Training and our school will be informed by the Department of any change to VIT registration status that requires action.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Tyrrell College policies:

- Visitors Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct

Department policies:

- [Child Safe Standards](#)
- [Contractor OHS Management](#)
- [Recruitment in Schools](#)
- [Suitability for Employment Checks](#)
- [Visitors in Schools](#)
- [Volunteers in Schools](#)
- [Working with Children Checks and other Suitability Checks for School Volunteers and Visitors](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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