

School Safety Directions Procedure

Purpose:	This procedure describes the process under which the college Co-Principals or Directors of Community Learning Ltd can issue a direction to persons to leave and/or not (re)enter the school premises.	
Scope:	Students and employees, including full-time, part-time, permanent, fixed-term and casual employees, as well as contractors, volunteers and people undertaking work experience or vocational placements	
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References:	RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS • Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) • Jabiru Community College Risk Appetite Statement • Jabiru Community College Risk Register • ISQ Guidelines - School Safety Directions	
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Introduction

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) (the Act) provides powers to Principals and school governing bodies to direct 'hostile persons' to leave and not re-enter school premises.

These powers recognise that Principals are best placed to manage their school and make decisions that take into account the expectations of their local community.

Note: Good behaviour directions and directions to leave and not re-enter school premises under the Act cannot be given to 'exempt people' (i.e., students or employees of the school).

The Procedure

Oral Directions

Under section 348 of the Act, if there is a person on the school's premises and their behaviour fits the types listed in the legislation, the Principal can orally direct the person to leave the premises and not re-enter for 24 hours.

The oral direction must include:

- the terms of the direction
- the ground for the direction
- the time period during which the person may not re-enter the premises (must not exceed 24 hours).

Entry Prohibitions

The act specifies other school principals and governing bodies may give written directions to a person that prohibits them from entering the school for up to 1 year. School Principals can give these directions for up to 60 days. School Governing Bodies (or their nominee) can give these directions for more than 60 days and up to 1 year.

Co-Principals or Directors who decide to exercise these powers under the act must use Template letters that are available in the <u>Safety Directions Resources Folder</u> as follows:

- Template 1 for Safety Directions up to 60 days
- Template 2 for Safety Directions of 61 days or more

Copies of all safety directions that are sent must be:

- 1. Saved in the <u>Records of Safety Directions Given folder</u> at Leadership Team / <u>Record of Safety Directions Given</u>
- 2. Saved using this naming format:

YYYY-MM-DD Ltr to <<Persons Name>> XX Day Safety Direction

Refer to the <u>ISQ Guidelines document</u>, and to <u>the act itself</u> for further details.

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