Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017

Parents’ Clubs Fact Sheet

On **25 June 2017** the *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017* take effect. These Regulations replace the *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007*.

Parents’ clubs play an important role in the life of a school as they work in collaboration with the principal and school council to support families to engage in their children’s learning. For parents’ clubs to operate effectively, the regulations should strike a balance between the need for autonomy from the school and the need for accountability.

This fact sheet provides an overview of the changes to parents’ club operations.

# Changes to the regulations

All changes apply from 25 June 2017.

## Parents’ clubs

Clarifying the purpose of the interim committee is to develop a constitution for the parents’ club that is consistent with the approved model constitution and to obtain the Minister’s approval for that constitution. The committee is dissolved following this process. *Regulation 53*.

Requiring all parents’ club funds to be kept within a subprogram of the school’s official account (rather than being held in an external account). *Regulation 54(3)*

Automatically dissolving parents’ clubs in instances of school closures or mergers. *Regulation 57*

## Parents’ clubs (CONT.)

Any parent club currently operating with an external bank account (known as an ‘Option B Account’) will be required to transfer all funds to the respective school’s official bank account.

Affected schools will be contacted directly. If your parents’ club has any concerns, please contact your principal as soon as possible.

## Fundraising

This provision more clearly provides that the purpose of any fundraising activity should be agreed by the school council before the fundraising activity is undertaken. *Regulation 58*

## next steps

More information about how the changes to parents’ clubs will be implemented, including the model constitution, will be communicated to schools in the near future.

## further information

Further information about parents’ clubs, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/community/Pages/parentclubs.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/community/Pages/parentclubs.aspx)

All operational questions about parents’ clubs in Victorian Government schools, should be directed to the School Operations and Governance unit at: community.stakeholders@edumail.vic.gov.au

For further information about the *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017,* see: [Education and Training Reform Regulations](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/legislation/Pages/act2006regs.aspx)