ACCMP Procedures

Campus Access
Including Disability Provisions

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1. **Background**

Australian Christian College is committed to providing a safe place of work and education, and a safe means of access and egress within the school grounds. Safe access and egress includes:

- maintaining clear and unobstructed means to facilitate the movement of people and equipment in and out of the school;
- providing and maintaining clear and unobstructed means to facilitate the movement of people and equipment within the school;
- providing the means to ensure appropriate and safe access for all school tasks.

2. **Management priorities**

As priorities, the school will ensure that:

- good housekeeping practices are maintained – that is, articles or substances do not impede safe access and egress at the school and objects which may restrict safe movement within the school are removed immediately;
- any access restrictions are adhered to so that suitable and safe arrangements for tasks are guaranteed;
- scaffolding and other access equipment will be provided when it is established through a simple process of risk assessment that the equipment is needed, and maintained in good condition;
- staff and students are encouraged to report any situation where safe access and egress is restricted or obstructed;
- arrangements are made for the appropriate remedial action to be taken immediately when an unsafe condition relating to access and egress is reported.

3. **Principal’s commitment**

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that:

- the objectives of this policy are integrated into practice;
- staff are consulted on school health and safety matters which may affect them in relation to:
  - their means of safely entering, leaving and moving about the school
  - provision of safe arrangements for accessing school tasks/equipment
- communication on health and safety matters related to safe means of access and egress is promoted;
- effective action is taken to ensure health and safety related to the provision and maintenance of safe means of access and egress.
Staff commitment

- Staff are responsible for:
- maintaining good housekeeping practices;
- taking prompt action to secure or isolate any hazardous situation relating to the means of access and egress which comes to their notice, and which is within their capacity to safely remedy in order to protect themselves, students and others.

4. The Disability (Access to Premises-Buildings) Standards 2010

In accordance with The Disability (Access to Premises-Buildings) Standards 2010 ACCMP aims to achieve a better access to a wider range of public buildings. Improving building access gives more people more opportunity to access employment, education and services, and to connect with the broader community.

This involves taking action to ensure that public buildings do not provide unreasonable barriers to the participation of people with disabilities.

In 2001, the government tasked the Australian Building Codes Board to develop Premises Standards through amendments to the Building Code of Australia. The standards are one part of the Australian Government’s ten-year National Disability Strategy.