

## **Rationale:**

With the advent of summer every year, snake sightings have been common in and around the grounds of Lynbrook Primary School. In order to keep students safe, Lynbrook PS has an obligation to educate all staff and students as to what to do in the event of a snake sighting in the vicinity of the school grounds.

## **Aims:**

- To educate all students as to the danger that snakes pose to their safety.
- To communicate to our school community, particularly staff and students correct procedures to follow in the event of a snake sighting that will keep them safe from harm.
- To administer first aid to children when in need in a competent and timely manner in the event of a snake bite.
- To maintain a sufficient number of staff members trained with a level 2 first aid certificate.

## **Implementation:**

- Teachers will instruct students in the beginning of the school year and also the beginning of Term 4 as to the dangers of snakes and what to do in the event of a snake sighting:
  1. Stop moving immediately.
  2. Under no circumstances should the snake be approached or touched.
  3. Back away slowly.
  4. Immediately notify a yard duty teacher.
  5. Immediately notify the office.
- A dedicated lesson will be set aside at the beginning of the school year and at the beginning of Term 4 to discuss the fact that snakes are territorial and should not be disturbed.
- Maintenance staff will be instructed to keep grass cut short, particularly around fence lines and in the pond area.
- A sufficient number of staff (including at least 1 administration staff member) to be trained to a level 2 first aid certificate, and with up-to-date CPR qualifications.

## **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

- This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2018.