Protocol for student use of school toilets

The school strongly encourages all students from years prep to 12 to use the school’s toilet facilities before school, at recess, at lunchtime and then afterschool. Students are encouraged to get into the habit of using the toilet facilities during these times.

However:
All students have the right to use the toilet whenever they feel it is needed even if it is during class time. **Students access to toilets during class time should not and must not be discouraged and/or not allowed.** It is not appropriate to give rewards for non-use of the toilet as young students especially may not use the toilet when necessary and therefore an accident may occur.

Should a teacher believe that a student is misusing their right to use the toilet, the teacher should discuss the matter with the principal who may consult with other teachers and/or parents if required.

The school encourages students to drink water at any time during the day including during lessons. It is therefore important to consider differing student needs when the use of toileting facilities is required.

Should a student have a toileting accident, the student should be treated with the greatest respect and a change of clothing sought from either school stores or parent assistance gained.

Adopted at the Birchip P-12 School Council meeting on Thursday 21st August 2008.

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President, School Council

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Principal