Rationale:
The provision of an efficient and effective Canteen at the school provides opportunities to reinforce healthy eating practices and provides a service for parents wishing to purchase lunches for their children.

Role:
The Canteen and Food Services Working Party will undertake to:

- Develop a working knowledge of the relevant Departmental policies and instructions relevant to Food Services.
- Investigate suitable menus and the feasibility of providing them.

Aims:
- To provide an effective Canteen service which provides healthy food in a manner that complies with all health regulations and requirements.

Implementation:
- The Food Act 1984 and the subsequent Food Amendment Act 1997 and the Food Amendment Act 2001 requires all premises that sell, prepare, package, store, handle, serve or supply any food for sale be registered as a food premises by the local Shire Council. This includes the School Canteen.
- School Council will seek to appoint two (2) Canteen Co-ordinators to provide a Monday and Thursday lunch order service from the school's existing Canteen.
  - Canteen Co-ordinators will be appointed and identified by the Principal on behalf of the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council. The Co-ordinators will be responsible for all aspects of the canteen operation and will be competent in Food Safety.
  - The Canteen Co-ordinators will ensure that all health regulations and food preparation requirements are complied with, in particular the Food Safety Program for School Canteens and A Checklist for School Canteen Co-ordinators. These are contained within the Guidelines for Personal Hygiene and Food Safety in Schools. These documents are available online or in the canteen.
  - A roster of parent volunteers will be required and it will be organised by the Canteen Co-ordinators who will ensure that volunteers fully understand Food Safety procedures.
  - The Canteen Co-ordinators will ensure that all foods served at the Canteen comply with the Education Department's approved healthy food list.
  - The Canteen Co-ordinators are responsible for pricing all items for sale. Pricing will be guided by the cost of the goods as provided to the Canteen with the intention of ensuring that goods are not sold at a loss, thus providing a small profit margin for the maintenance, operation and development of the Canteen.
  - The school will be responsible for all costs associated with the operation of the Canteen, including electricity and cleaning.
  - School Council will be responsible for maintenance and replacement of equipment.
  - All other matters to be agreed between the School Principal representing the School Council and the Canteen Co-ordinators.
  - The Canteen Co-ordinators be given (in confidence) the details of any students who have food allergies. This will be used when deciding on types of food available at Canteen including special theme days.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as required.

References:
‘Go for Your Life’ Healthy Canteen Kit