

BARKLY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

CRICOS PROVIDER NUMBER 03136D (VIC) RTO PROVIDER NUMBER 22238

P1.V4 ACCESS AND EQUITY POLICY

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The principal role of the Access and Equity Policy is to promote full and equal participation of all external and internal individuals at Barkly International College (BIC). BIC will endeavour to promote and adopt an environment free of discrimination and harassment to all its stakeholders.

BIC will comply with its legal and moral duty to respect the rights and beliefs of course participants and staff through avoidance of discrimination, recognition of the special needs of clients and course participants, physical access to courses, mentoring, culturally appropriate behaviour, and equal opportunity.

2.0 Responsibility

2.1 The CEO, Training and Compliance Manager and Student Support Manager is responsible for the implementation of this procedure and to ensure that staff and students are aware of its application and that staff implement its requirements.

3.0 Requirements

- 3.1 BIC is committed to effecting change that promotes equality of opportunity for all. The Access and Equity policy is guided by the following principles:
 - a) That all staff and participants have a right to equality of opportunity.
 - Men/women
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 - People with intellectual disabilities
 - People with physical disabilities
 - Young/older
 - Cultural backgrounds
 - Socio-economic status
 - b) That there is recognition of, respect for and promotion of diversity within our community.
 - c) That there is encouragement of initiatives to effect change.
 - d) That while some people clearly need our advocacy, we support and encourage people on the journey of self-determination and self-advocacy (empowerment).
 - e) That everybody has a right to participate in decisions that affect their lives

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- 3.2 BIC upholds the principle that all applicants enrol are treated fairly and equitably. BIC has open, fair, clear, and transparent policies and procedures to ensure that all participants are treated in a courteous, professional, and impartial manner.
- 3.3 As part of the induction process, all participants are provided with information relating to the following services: hiring interpreters
 - a) Disability Services
 - b) Harassment and Discrimination Complaints
 - c) Equal Opportunity for Women
 - d) Equal Employment Opportunities
 - e) Racial Discrimination
 - f) Working Right
- 3.4 The CEO ensures that the structures and practices of BIC are in line with state and national legislation regarding all areas of equal opportunity, including sex discrimination, racial discrimination, and disability discrimination for all within the workforce. This is achieved by supervising the incorporation of the main principles of the state and national legislation listed below into all BIC policies and operating procedures.

Equal Opportunity Act, 2010

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol act/eoa2010250/

Sex Discrimination (Cth) Act 1984

http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A02868

Disability Discrimination Act 1992

http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A04426

Fair Work Act, 2009 (Cth)

http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2010C00741

Racial Discrimination Act 1975

http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A00274

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_act/cohrara2006433/

Disability Act 2006

https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/disability-act-2006/044

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- 3.5 BIC will aid students with respect to literacy and numeracy, through advice on whether to gain specific assistance and provide support to the limit of the abilities of its own staff. There may be a fee to access these external services.
- 3.6 All staff and contractors employed or engaged by BIC are obliged to comply with this policy. BIC will ensure policies and procedures that promote equal opportunity are in place and widely dispersed and understood by all staff members.

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