

De La Salle Santiago Zobel School

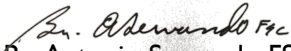
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Re : Implementation of Enhanced Safety and Security Measures

At De La Salle Santiago Zobel School, the safety and well-being of our students remain among our highest priorities. In light of the recent incidents of violence reported in schools, we would like to assure you that the school is actively strengthening its safety and security measures to continue providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

While the school continues to enhance its campus safety protocols, we recognize that ensuring the safety of our children is a **shared responsibility** between the school and the home. In this regard, we seek your full cooperation in the following important home-based safety measures:

1. Home-Based Monitoring of Behavior and Belongings

We strongly encourage parents to:

- Check your child's school bag before leaving for school.
- Be mindful of any unusual items being brought to campus.
- Observe behavioral changes, emotional distress, or signs of conflict.

2. Mental Health Check-ins

Please make time to regularly check on your child's emotional well-being. Open communication at home helps us detect concerns early and address them before they escalate.

3. Social Media and Online Gaming Monitoring

We ask parents to closely monitor their child's exposure to:

- violent online content
- harmful social media interactions
- online threats, bullying, or disturbing conversations
- gaming platforms where aggressive behavior or harmful influence may be normalized

These spaces can significantly affect behavior and emotional responses.

4. Responsible Firearm Ownership

For parents who are gun owners, we strongly urge you to ensure that your firearms and other weapons are securely stored and that your children have absolutely no access to them.

Firearm owners are expected to exercise proper custody and safekeeping of their firearms. Failure to secure these properly, especially when they are accessed or misused by minors or unauthorized persons, may result in legal liability and corresponding penalties under applicable laws and regulations.

5. Strict Compliance with the School ID Policy

To help our Security Team quickly identify authorized persons inside campus:

- Fetchers must wear their **Fetcher's ID** at all times while on campus.
- Parents and fetchers are requested to remain only in the **designated fetching areas**.

This will help our Security Team monitor students more effectively and avoid situations where students are mixed with parents, fetchers, and visitors in unsupervised areas.

6. Enhanced Security Screening

In coordination and compliance with the local government's directive and as part of our preventive measures, the school will implement:

- **Random bag and K-9 inspections**
- **Use of handheld metal detectors**
- **Random police visibility at school entrances**

In addition, beginning **June 29, 2026**, only **authorized vehicles with valid DLSZ stickers** will be allowed entry into both campuses. This measure is intended to further strengthen access control, improve monitoring of vehicular movement, and limit unauthorized entry into school premises.

7. Strengthened Coordination with Local Authorities

To further enhance our preparedness and response capability, the school is also in close coordination with the Philippine National Police and Barangay officials to strengthen communication and ensure quicker response during emergency situations on campus. This partnership forms part of our proactive efforts to reinforce campus safety, improve incident response time, and build stronger community support in safeguarding our students.

8. Temporary Restriction on Pointed School Supplies

To minimize risk, students will temporarily not be allowed to bring:

- cutters
- pointed scissors
- compasses
- and similar pointed materials

Necessary classroom supplies will be made available in class when needed for supervised academic activities.

9. Emergency Preparedness Drills

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen campus safety and emergency readiness, the school will also be conducting **lockdown drills and other safety exercises** in the coming months. These drills are intended to help students, faculty, and staff become familiar with emergency procedures and respond more effectively in the event of a security threat.

Further details and schedules will be communicated in advance.

10. Values Formation and Lasallian Guidance

Beyond policies and security measures, the school firmly believes that violence prevention begins with the formation of the heart and mind. As part of this initiative, we will continue to strengthen our **values formation programs aligned with Lasallian Core Values**, helping our students develop respect for life, self-discipline, empathy, conflict resolution, and responsible decision-making.

Our approach in introducing these safety measures to students will remain **value-laden and formative**, ensuring that they understand these not merely as rules to follow, but as part of their responsibility in building a safe, caring, and respectful community for everyone.

As a Lasallian community, we believe that keeping our school safe requires vigilance, trust, and partnership. We ask for your active support as we work together to protect our children and uphold a peaceful and secure learning environment for all.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued partnership.