School Boards and Councils

Do Schools need to comply?

Yes in order to achieve the best outcomes from your school board/council.

Conditions of compliance:

A school board must ensure that it satisfies its statutory and governance obligations.

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

The school board must ensure compliance with relevant Australian and South Australian legislation. This includes education-related legislation (such as the Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act and the Education and Early Childhood Services Regulations) as well as non-education related legislation such as the Work Health and Safety Act and the Associations Incorporations Act.

In order to do this, a board should have among other things:

- Documented policies and procedures
- An agreed approach to governance
- Planned agendas
- A process for selecting new members
- An induction program for new members
- Ongoing Board inservice
- A regular evaluation/audit of the board’s performance
- Regular feedback from school management
- A risk management plan

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

You may be in breach of legislation and penalised accordingly.

See also:

School Governance
Legal Obligations for schools

Useful links:

Independent Schools Victoria - Governance Guidelines