

Caulfield South Primary School

Yard Duty / Supervision

RATIONALE:

All students and staff at Caulfield South have the right to feel safe and supported during yard duty supervision, knowing clear systems are in place in cases of emergency.

PURPOSE:

To ensure Caulfield South staff fulfils their duty of care in supervising students.

DEFINITION:

“Duty of care” is an element of the tort of negligence. In broad terms, the law of negligence provides that if a person suffers injury as the result of the negligence of another, they should be compensated for the loss and damage which arises from the negligent act or omission.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Caulfield South Primary School:

- arranges for student supervision according to the school’s changing needs (e.g. Year 5 camp, Yr 3-6 Athletics Day, Yr Prep to 2 swimming)
- ensures staff are aware of their responsibilities to supervise students during school times as well as 15 minutes before and after school.(8.45am to 9am and 3.30pm to 3.45pm)
- There are clearly allocated specific responsibilities for staff members, communicated by way of the Yard Duty roster and Staff Handbook, to undertake student supervision, as determined by the needs of the school, to protect students from reasonably foreseeable risks of injury including hazards.

The yard duty supervision incorporates all reasonable steps to reduce risk, including:

- provision of suitable and safe grounds
- provision of an adequate system of supervision- 2 staff on outside duty, staff assigned to special needs students, yellow staff vests, first aid bags,

monitoring different areas of the playground, clearly communicated yard duty roster, practice drills in the likelihood of Anaphylaxis emergency

- implementation of strategies to prevent bullying- Year 5 and 6 playground Peace Makers, Restorative Practices strategies, alternative lunchtime activities such as Chess Club, Bricks 4 Kids, Choir, Orchestra or the Italian video
- ensuring that medical assistance is provided to a sick or injured student by staff member on recess and lunchtime first aid duty

This table identifies supervision responsibilities.

Who	Are responsible for the care and supervision of students:
Parents/ guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ travelling to and from school ▪ outside the times of school supervision before and after school.
Principals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school supervision is provided for a minimum of 10 minutes before and after school <p>CSPS has staff on duty –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.45am-9am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.30pm – 3.45pm</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ parents/guardians are made aware at the time of enrolling that Camp Australia provides supervision before and after school

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.