



YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure school staff understand their supervision and yard duty responsibilities.

SCOPE

The principal is responsible for ensuring that there is a well-organised and responsive system of supervision in place during school hours and on school excursions and camps.

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Queenscliff Primary School, including education support staff, casual relief teachers and visiting teachers.

School staff are responsible for following reasonable and lawful instructions from the principal, including instructions to provide supervision to students at specific dates, time and places.

POLICY

Before and after school

Queenscliff Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. Queenscliff Primary School will regularly inform parents/carers of the precise times during which the school's grounds will be monitored in the school newsletter each term.

Point Lonsdale Day Care's After School Care Program commences from 3.00pm until 6.00pm each School night within Queenscliff Primary School and they have the use of the school grounds for these children and these children are supervised under their care.

Families are encouraged to contact Lonsdale House Childcare on 5058 4231 for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community.

If a student arrives at school before supervision commences at the beginning of the day, the principal or nominee staff member will, as soon as practicable, follow up with the parent/carer to:

- advise of the supervision arrangements before school
- request that the parent/ carer make alternate arrangements.

If a student is not collected before supervision finishes at the end of the day, the principal or nominee staff member will:

- attempt to contact the parents/carers
- attempt to contact the emergency contacts

Yard duty

All staff at Queenscliff Primary School are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster.

The Leading teacher is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Queenscliff primary School, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

The designated yard duty areas for our school Term 1 2020 are outlined areas and include map of zones where appropriate

Zone	Area
Zone 1	Oval / Basketball Court /Trees
Zone 2	GA GA Pit /South West Quadrant
Zone 3	Netball Court / South East Quadrant



School staff must wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored in the first aid room. Staff who are rostered for yard duty must remain in the designated area until they are replaced by a relieving teacher.

During yard duty, supervising staff must:

- methodically move around the designated zone
- be alert and vigilant
- intervene immediately if potentially dangerous or inappropriate behaviour is observed in the yard
- enforce behavioural standards and implement appropriate consequences for breaches of safety rules, in accordance with any relevant disciplinary measures set out in your school's *Student Engagement and Wellbeing* policy
- ensure that students who require first aid assistance receive it as soon as practicable
- log any incidents or near misses as appropriate on Compass
- if being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member (for example, where the shift is 'split' into 2 consecutive time periods), ensure that a brief but adequate verbal 'handover' is given to the next staff member in relation to any issues which may have arisen during the first shift.
- at all times be aware of the school perimeter and fence line for strangers on foot or in cars who may be acting suspiciously observing the children or taking photos.

If the supervising staff member observes any unusual behaviour from strangers outside the school grounds, they must immediately ring the school bell 5 times. All children will immediately evacuate the school yard and go directly to their classrooms. The Principal will call 000 for police assistance.

If the supervising staff member is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the Leading teacher responsible with as much notice as possible prior to the relevant yard duty shift to ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

If the supervising staff member needs to leave yard duty during the allocated time, they should contact the Responsible Leading Teacher but should not leave the designated area until the relieving staff member has arrived in the designated area.

If a relieving or next staff member does not arrive for yard duty, the staff member currently on duty should send a message to the office and not leave the designated area until a replacement staff member has arrived.

Should students require assistance during recess or lunchtime, they are encouraged to speak to the supervising yard duty staff member.

Classroom

The classroom teacher is responsible for the supervision of all students in their care during class.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, they should first contact the Assistant Principal for assistance. The teacher should then wait until another staff member has arrived at the classroom to supervise the class prior to leaving.

School activities, camps and excursions

The principal and leadership team are responsible for ensuring that students are appropriately supervised during all school activities, camps and excursions, including when external providers are engaged to conduct part or all of the activities. Appropriate supervision will be planned for special school activities, camps and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library:
 - [Supervision of Students](#)
 - [Duty of Care](#)
 - [Child Safe Standards](#)
 - [Visitors in Schools](#)
 - [Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy](#)
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REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 2/12/20 and is scheduled for review in December 2023.