

Albert Park Primary School

ON-SITE SUPERVISION

POLICY

Rationale

Adequate supervision of students in the school yard is a requirement of the school's duty of care. Children will be supervised at all times whilst at school.

The school supports a culture (values, expectations and standards) and shared commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse, and situations that allow it to occur will not be tolerated. The school takes into consideration the diversity of the children attending the school, and their particular vulnerabilities. eg. children with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Aim

- To ensure the school satisfies DET duty of care in supervising students and parent expectations that their child will be safe and adequately cared for at school

Implementation

Parents and guardians are responsible for the care and supervision of students:

- travelling to and from school
- outside the times of school supervision before and after school

However the school will encourage the parents to consider:

- whether their child is old and experienced enough to use public transport
- how they can help educate their child in traffic safety and how to use the safe routes to Albert Park Primary

The school has clearly allocated specific responsibilities via a timetable (or principal direction) for staff members to undertake student supervision, as determined by the needs of the school, to protect students from reasonably foreseeable risks of injury including hazards that are known or could have been foreseen and prevented.

The Principal will:

- ensure that as primary students, children must be supervised at all times and arrange for adequate and appropriate student supervision according to student needs
- ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities to supervise students during school times as well as before and after school
- arrange for a yard supervision timetable
- ensure supervision is provided for before and after school, based on local circumstances, age and special needs of students
- regularly inform parents/guardians that supervision is available only between 8.45-9.00am and from 3.30-3.45pm after school
- ensure that sufficient teachers are available to supervise the departure of students at the end of the school day and that these teachers are not called away for other duties without alternate supervision being arranged

- instruct students and parents to notify the principal/teacher if strangers are in the school.

Note: School authorities in breach of their duty of care may be personally liable for injuries to students.

Related policies

- Duty of Care
- Excursions and Camps
- Student Collection
- Student Engagement and Inclusion
- Visitors in Schools
- Child Safe Standards

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle and as required by developments in relevant legislation or DET guidelines.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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