Yard Supervision
Policy

Rationale:
Adequate supervision of students in the school yard is a requirement of the school’s duty of care.

Aims:
To provide adequate and appropriate supervision of students in the school yard.

Implementation:
- Supervision of students is the responsibility of all staff.
- A roster system will be used to timetable staff members for yard supervision.
- Yard supervision will include recess, lunch breaks, and after school.
- Parents will be informed regularly via the newsletter that staff members are not rostered to take yard duty until 8:35am each morning.
- Parents will also be informed via the newsletter that staff members will not be rostered to undertake yard supervision after 3.20pm each day. Parents are required to make sure that their children have been collected or have left the school grounds by this time. Any child who is still waiting for a parent at the conclusion of the teacher’s yard duty (3.20pm) is to be escorted to the office and wait until the parent arrives. The yard duty teacher will be responsible for contacting parents (where necessary) and supervising the student.
- The yard supervision roster will basically require staff members to undertake yard duty for recess or half of lunchtime, or after school on specific days.
- Injured children will be sent to the first aid room.
- An experienced teacher will be responsible for coordinating the roster, and for negotiating specific duty times or days with individual staff members.
- The roster will require a minimum of three staff members on duty at any one time, each responsible for supervising a designated area of the school.
- Casual Relief Teachers will not be responsible for the yard duty responsibilities of staff members they are replacing.
- Staff members who are aware that they cannot fulfil their yard duty obligations due to appointments or excursions etc are required to either make a swap with another staff member, or discuss the matter with the coordinating teacher.
- Staff will wear a hat on yard duty in term 1 and 4.
- Staff on yard supervision must approach intruders or unknown people in the yard.
- A Fluro vest must be worn by staff while on yard duty.

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

Ratified by School Council in: June 2016

References: