



CAULFIELD PRIMARY
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CAULFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

POLICY NO. 4.41

Rationale:

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

Aim:

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

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Caulfield 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 Statement

Before and after school

Caulfield Primary School's grounds are supervised daily by school staff from 8.45 a.m. until 3.45p.m. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. Before and after school, school staff may be available to supervise the schoolyard if students are attending a specific school based program e.g. Running Club, Year 1/2 Sleepover.

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Caulfield Primary School outside of these hours unless supervised by a parent or carer. Families are encouraged to contact Camp Australia at 1300 105 343 or refer to <https://www.campastralia.com.au/contact> 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 consider whether it is appropriate to:

- attempt to contact the parents/carers
- attempt to contact the emergency contacts
- place the student in an out of school hours care program

- contact Victoria Police and/or the Department of Health and Human Services (Child Protection) to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student.

School staff who are rostered on for before or after school supervision must follow the processes outlined below.

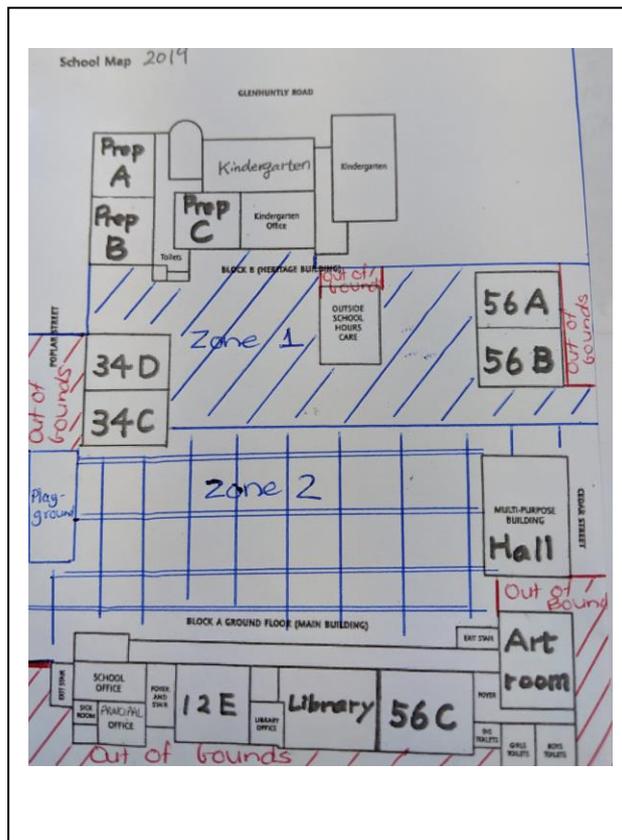
Yard duty

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

The principal [or alternative nominee] is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Caulfield Primary School, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

The designated yard duty areas for our school (as at Term 1, 2019) are

Zone	Area
Zone 1	From the southern edge of the soccer pitch through to the Prep building.
Zone 2	From the southern edge of the soccer pitch to the main building including the student toilets.



School staff must wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest as well as carry a first aid kit and cordless landline phone whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests, phone and first aid kits will be stored in the Administration office.

Staff who are rostered for yard duty must remain in the designated area until they are replaced by another staff member.

During yard duty, supervising staff must:

- methodically move around the designated zone, to ensure that all areas are within line of sight to at least one yard duty teacher at a time.
- 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 Sentral
- 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.

If the supervising staff member is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the Principal, or delegated nominee 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 Principal or delegated nominee but should not leave the designated area until a 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 Admin 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 their co-teacher /Area Leader or Admin Office for assistance. The teacher should then wait until another staff member has arrived at the classroom to supervise the class prior to leaving.

Student movement around the school

If a student needs to leave the classroom, they will be accompanied by a buddy at all times. Any student going to the sickbay or to work with another staff member will be accompanied two other students. Staff will walk and supervise with the class when moving from one area of the school to another.

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

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Supervision](#)
 - [Duty of Care](#)
 - [Child Safe Standards](#)
 - [Visitors in Schools](#)

Review Cycle

This policy was last updated on Tuesday 11 June and is scheduled for review in June 2022. This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Caulfield Primary School's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.

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