



CAULFIELD PRIMARY
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CAULFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

POLICY NO. 4.41



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If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the School Office.

Purpose

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

Scope

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

Policy

Appropriate supervision is an important strategy to monitor student behaviour and enables staff to identify and respond to possible risks at school as they arise. It also plays a vital role in helping schools to discharge their duty of care to students.

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that there is a well organised and responsive system of supervision and yard duty in place during school hours, before and after school, and on school excursions and camps and other school activities.

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

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.

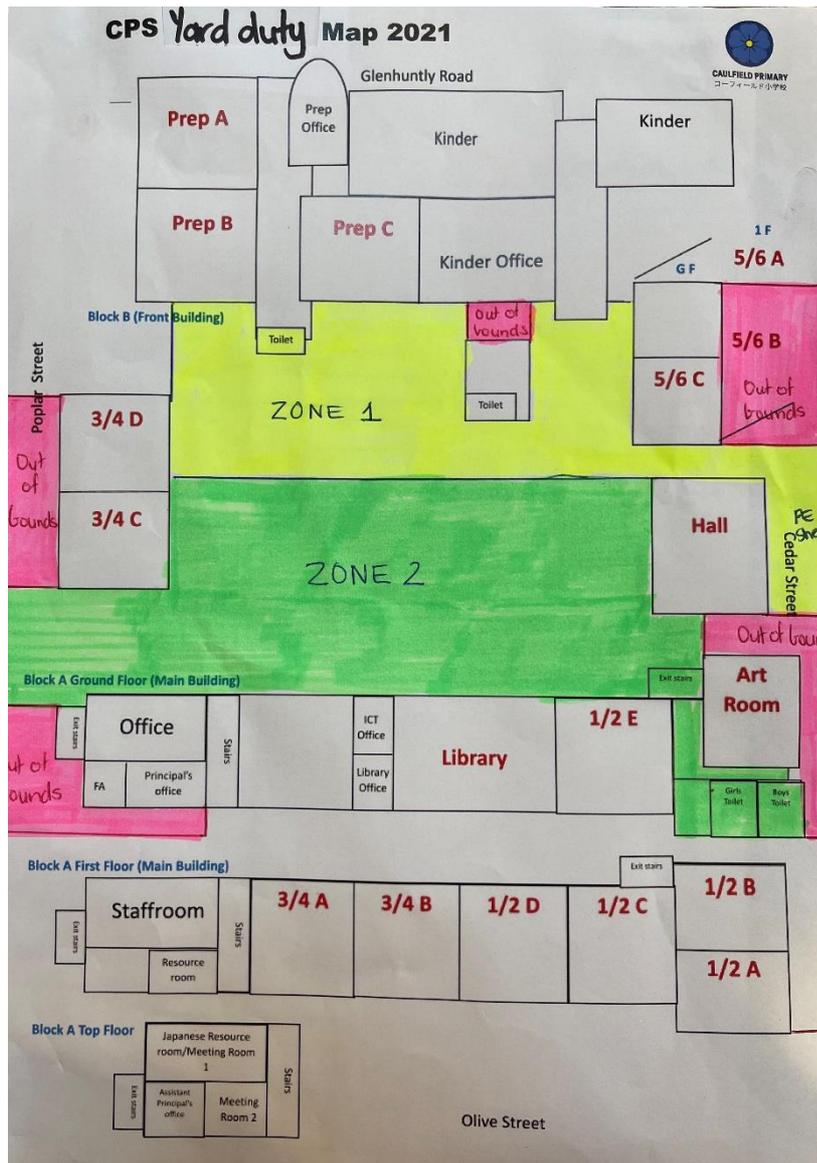
Yard duty

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, 2021) 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.



Yard duty equipment

School staff must:

- wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored in the Administration Office, in a cupboard located near the entrance to the Principal's office.
- carry the yard duty bag and cordless phone at all times during supervision. The Yard duty bag and cordless landline phone will be stored in the Administration Office, in a cupboard located near the entrance to the Principal's office.

Yard duty equipment must be returned after the period of supervision or handed to the relieving staff member.

Yard duty responsibilities

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

During yard duty, supervising school 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 first aid or to work with another staff member will be accompanied by two other students. Staff will walk and supervise 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 activity. Appropriate supervision will be planned for school activities, camps, and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved.

Digital devices and virtual classroom

Caulfield Primary School follows the Department of Education's policy Digital Technologies (internet, social media, and digital devices) with respect to supervision of students using digital devices.

Caulfield Primary School will also ensure appropriate supervision of students participating in remote and flexible learning environments while on school site. In these cases, students will be supervised and undertake virtual and remote learning while at school in the library, the Year 1/2E classroom, or in Year 3/4C and Year 3/4D classrooms.

While parents are responsible for the appropriate supervision of students accessing virtual classrooms from home:

- student attendance will be monitored daily with every class.
- any wellbeing or safety concerns for the student will be managed in accordance with our usual processes – refer to our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and our Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures for further information.

Students requiring additional supervision support

Sometimes students will require additional supervision, such as students with disabilities or other additional needs. In these cases, the Principal or delegate will ensure arrangements are made to roster additional staff as required. This may include on yard duty, in the classroom or during school activities.

Supervision of student in emergency operating environments

In emergency circumstances our school will follow our Emergency Management Plan, including with respect to supervision.

In the event of any mandatory period of remote or flexible learning our School will follow the operations guidance issued by the Department.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following way

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Discussed at staff briefings or meetings, as required

- Included in our staff compendium
- Included as a reference in our school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Information for parents and students on supervision before and after school is available on our school website and parent reminders are sent in our school newsletter.

Further Information and Resources

- The Department’s Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
 - [Child Safe Standards](#)
 - [Duty of Care](#)
 - [Camps and Excursions](#)
 - [Visitors in Schools](#)
- CPS Duty of Care Policy No.1.19
- CPS Excursions (Including Camps and Adventure Activities) Policy No.2.5
- CPS Visitors to Schools Policy No.5.3

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2021
Approved by	Caulfield Primary School School Council
Next scheduled review date	August 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 arrangements.