

Yard Duty and Supervision Policy Williamstown Campus



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school on 9393 5800

Purpose |

The purpose of this policy is to explain to staff Bayside P-12 College's yard duty procedures and expectations for the appropriate supervision of secondary students. 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 is also plays a vital role in helping schools to discharge their duty of care to students.

Objective |

To ensure that 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 and yard duty 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 Bayside P-12 College, 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 |

Bayside P-12 College's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:40am until 3:25pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

The area supervised before school is middle of the school (Area C). The area supervised after school is the bus pick up zone (Area A).

Students who may wish to attend school outside of these hours are encouraged to sit in the area outside the office building.

Yard duty |

All staff at Bayside P-12 College are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster.

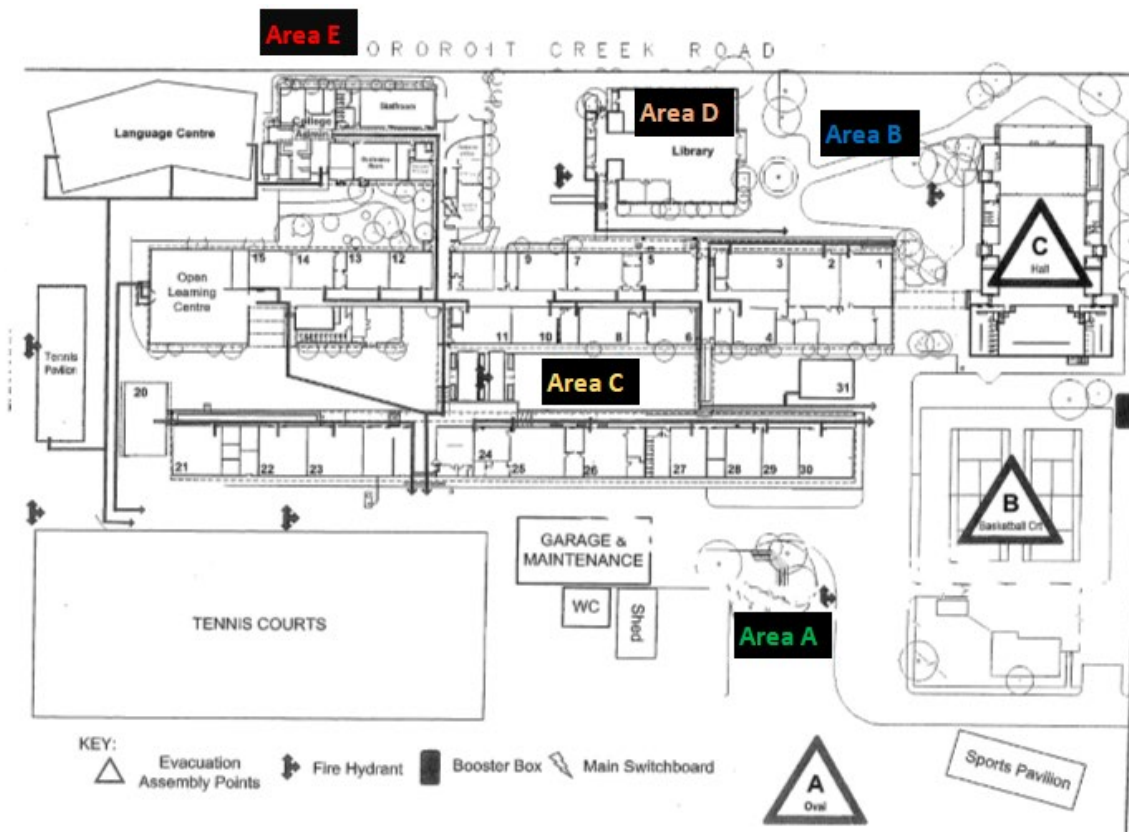


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The Principal Daily Organiser is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Bayside P-12 College, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

The designated yard duty areas for our school

Area	Description
Area A	Ovals
Area B	Front of School
Area C	Canteen
Area D	Library
Area E	Bus



School staff must wear a provided safety/ hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored in the staffroom.

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



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During yard duty, supervising school staff must:

- methodically move around the designated zone
- carry a mobile device for communication
- 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 the school's Student Engagement 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 or log first aid with front office.

If being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member (for example, where the shift is 'split' into 2 consecutive time periods), the staff member must ensure that a brief but adequate verbal 'handover' is given to the relieving staff member in relation to any issues which may have arisen during the first shift.

If the supervising teacher is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the Daily Organiser or Campus Principal with as much notice as possible prior to the relevant yard duty shift to ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

If the supervising teacher needs to leave yard duty during the allocated time, they should contact the Daily Organiser but should not leave the designated area until the relieving teacher has arrived in the designated area.

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

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

Classroom |

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

All staff are familiar with the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy to ensure they understand the school's disciplinary procedures.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, he or she should first contact front office or campus Principal for assistance. The teacher should then wait until a replacement staff member has arrived at the classroom before 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 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.

Further Information and Resources |



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

Approval |

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