



# YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

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## PURPOSE

To ensure 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 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 Koo Wee Rup 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

### **Before and after school**

Koo Wee Rup Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:40am until 8:55am in the morning and from 3:15pm until 3:30pm in the afternoons. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Before and after school, a single staff member will be on duty. This staff member will move between all playground areas. It is an expectation at Koo Wee Rup Primary School that students enter their classroom from 8:45am for daily Reconnection Time with their teacher.

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Koo Wee Rup Primary School outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact Their Care on 0437 713 566 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



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- attempt to contact the emergency contacts
- place the student in the 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.

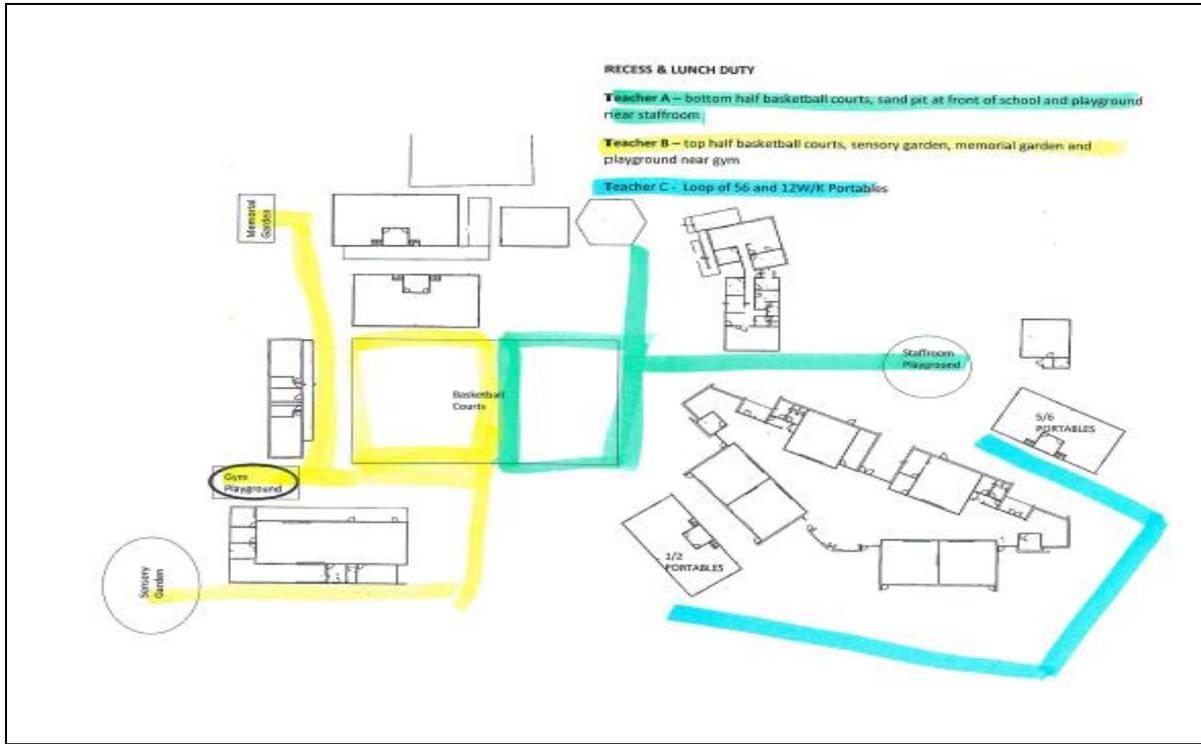
### Yard duty

All staff at Koo Wee Rup Primary School are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster. Daily amendments to the yard duty roster due to staff absence or changes to the school routine will be communicated daily via Sentral.

The principal will nominate a staff member who will be responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Koo Wee Rup Primary School, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise. In some instances, a staff member may be assigned a specific student to monitor in the yard.

The designated yard duty areas for our school Term 4, 2020 are as follows:

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Area</b>
Zone A	bottom half basketball courts, sand pit at front of school and playground near staffroom
Zone B	top half basketball courts, sensory garden, memorial garden and playground near gym
Zone C	Loop of 56 and 12W/K Portables



School staff must wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored with classroom duty bags.

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

During yard duty, supervising staff must:

- methodically move around the designated zone
- 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.
- Take responsibility for the follow up of any behavioural incidents including informing the classroom teacher, members of leadership, the students' parents and recording on Sentral as necessary.
- 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



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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 Office 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 Office but should not leave the designated area until the 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 contact the 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 the teacher in the neighbouring classroom for assistance. If additional supervision is required the Office should be contacted and the teacher should then wait until another staff member has arrived at the classroom to supervise the class prior to 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 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 AND RESOURCES**

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library:
  - [Supervision of Students](#)
  - [Duty of Care](#)
  - [Child Safe Standards](#)
  - [Visitors in Schools](#)



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## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2020 and is scheduled for review on December 2021. This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Koo Wee Rup Primary School's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.

This policy was ratified by School Council on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.