



YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

ROSANNA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

This policy has been developed by members of School Council.

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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 Rosanna 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

Rosanna Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:45am until 3:45pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. Parents/Carers will be notified of these precise times during which the school's grounds will be monitored in the school newsletter at the start of each term.

Before school, (8:45 am-9:00am) and after school (3:30pm-3:45pm), school staff will be available to supervise the Lower and Upper areas of the school yard.

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Rosanna Primary School outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact the direct mobile number for Rosanna Primary School Out Of School Care on 0427966146 or refer to <https://www.oshclub.com.au/rosanna-oshclub-vic/> 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 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

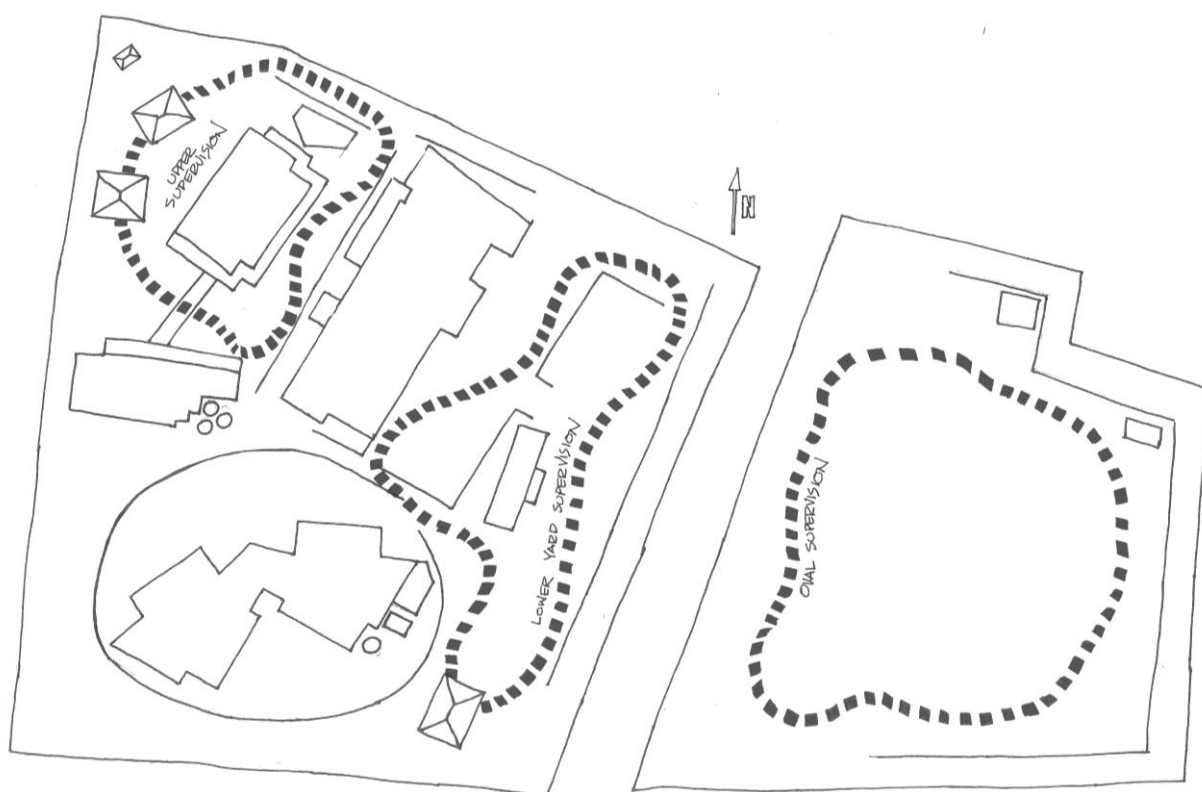
School staff who are rostered on for before or after school supervision must follow the processes outlined below.

YARD DUTY

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

The Principal or Principal's nominee is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Rosanna 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 Upper, Lower and Oval Supervision.



School staff must wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest and carry a first aid bag and walkie-talkie whilst on yard duty. These will be stored in the staffroom for oval and lower yard duty and in the canteen for upper yard duty.

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 staff must:

- methodically move around the designated area
 - upper yard duty supervision-move around the upper building
 - lower yard duty supervision-move around the area covering the lower playground, basketball court and the area outside the BER building
 - oval yard duty supervision-move around the fringe of the oval
- 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 *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 by completing a Cases Incident form located in the Administration Office and the First Aid Room
- when being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member 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 Assistant Principal 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 Assistant Principal 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 via the 'walkie-talkie' or the Assistant Principal 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 Area Team Leader or a teacher from the same area for assistance. 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. 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.

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FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on April 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2020. This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Rosanna Primary School's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.

**This document can be found at:
USER:/Policies/Ratified Policies**