

# Myrtleford P12 College



## On Site Supervision

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**Aims:** To provide adequate and appropriate supervision of students in the schoolyard.

### IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

As part of its duty of care the school is required to adequately supervise students for a defined period before school; at recess time and lunch time; and after school. This on-site supervision requires not only protection from known hazards, but also protection from those that could arise (that is, those the teacher should reasonably have foreseen) and against which preventive measures could be taken.

It is essential parents/carers are kept informed as to when supervision of students is available before and after school, and that outside these times supervision and/or the collection of students is the responsibility of parents/carers. This information should be clearly provided to parents/guardians on a regular basis.

### PROGRAM

A roster system will be used to timetable staff members for yard supervision.

Yard supervision will include before school, recess and lunch breaks, and after school.

In determining whether supervision of students entering or exiting the school is adequate, the principal or their nominee will consider a number of factors including:

- which entry/exit points should be or are used by students
- whether any entry or exit points should be locked, designated as out of bounds, or supervised
- road traffic conditions
- designated pick up and drop off areas

The supervision of the arrival and departure of any school contract buses is a matter for the discretion of the principal who will consider the following:

- the number of students alighting from and boarding the bus at the school
- the age of students alighting from or boarding the bus
- the times of the arrival and departure of the bus(es)
- the location of the pick-up and drop-off points in relation to the other areas of the school
- whether supervision is required to protect students on the bus, or from unruly student behaviour when boarding or alighting from the bus

### On-Site Supervision of Students Procedures

#### Introduction

The processes outlined below provide adequate and appropriate supervision of students in the schoolyard so the school fulfils its duty care to its students in terms of on-site supervision.

### **Supervision before and after school**

The school will provide staff supervision for students arriving before school between 8.30am and 9.00am. The school will provide staff supervision for students after school between 3.20pm and 3.35pm.

This information is provided to parents/guardians on a regular basis via the school newsletter. Outside of these times the supervision and/or the collection of students is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

Sufficient teachers will be allocated by the school principal or their nominee to supervise students during these periods.

Should a teacher be called away to other duties alternate supervision arrangements will be put in place in consultation with the principal or their nominee.

### **Supervision at recesses and lunch time**

Students are required to be adequately supervised during recesses and lunch times. In order to ensure that students are adequately supervised, a 'Yard Duty Roster' will be created each term allocating teachers to supervise students in defined areas of the school grounds during these times. Details of the roster are communicated to teachers at staff meetings and Compass.

#### **Implementation:**

- Supervision of students is the responsibility of all staff.
- A roster system will be used to timetable staff members for yard supervision.
- Yard duty staff members will be provided with a high Vis vest and a bum bag containing basic first aid supplies, pad and pencil.
- Yard duty staff members will monitor and respond appropriately to student behaviour in accord with school policies
- Casual Relief Teachers will be responsible for the yard duty responsibilities of staff members they are replacing or as directed by the Principal or officer in charge.
- In accordance with the school's Sunsmart policy all staff must wear hats during Terms 1 and 4 and are encouraged to wear hats during Terms 2 and 3
- Staff on yard supervision must approach intruders or unknown people in the yard, or alternatively seek assistance.

### **Unauthorised student departure from school**

When a student departs from the school (following initial attendance) without authorisation, the parent/guardian will be informed immediately. Where there is reasonable concern for the student's safety or the safety of others, immediate contact will also be made with the police and the Department's Emergency and Security Management Branch, telephone 9589 6266 (24 hour service).

### **Early departure of students prior to dismissal time**

Students must be signed out of the school if departing prior to dismissal time.

A record of early departures is to be kept by Administration Office staff on the Compass system.

- No parents/carers are permitted to take students directly from the classroom.
- Students can only be collected by a responsible person 16 years and over.
- No students will be sent home on their own outside of normal dismissal time.

### **Arrangements for students not collected after school**

Parents/guardians will be informed when supervision of students is available before and after school hours and that supervision outside of these times and/or the collection of students is the responsibility of parents/guardians. Students remaining in the schoolyard awaiting collection after 3.35pm will be directed to the office waiting area.

If it becomes known that a student who is normally collected from the school, remains at the school well beyond the normal time of collection, attempts will be made to contact the parents/guardians, or the emergency contact person identified by the parent/guardian in the school records.

Where all reasonable attempts have been made to locate the parents/guardian and the emergency contact persons, and the time is well beyond a reasonable time for collection, consideration will be given to contacting the police or the Department of Human Services and for them to arrange for the care and protection of the student. Information about the whereabouts of the student will be left with appropriate friends of the student, or next-door neighbours, if known, and at the school.

### **Arrangements for student supervision on school camps and excursions**

The school will provide supervision ratios in line with the Department's policy as outlined in the Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide section 4.4.2.8 depending on the nature and location of the school activity.

**This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2015**

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