

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

POLICY

Ripponlea Primary School (“RPS”) is committed to providing appropriate supervision of the playground area by staff and ensuring appropriate before and after school arrangements are in place for the safety and wellbeing of all students.

RPS will ensure that the playgrounds are supervised whenever in legitimate use by students, both during and after school hours as set out in this policy.

Staff are rostered on playground supervision duty. The duty roster is changed each term.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide students with a safe school environment, for specified periods outside of formal class hours.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students are supervised by staff whilst in the playground on school days as follows:

1. Before school between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., only the basketball court play area is supervised. Except for organised activities (e.g. Kelly Sports) students are not permitted on the east end playground (oval) before 9.00 a.m.
2. After school between 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., the basketball court play area is supervised until 3:45 p.m. Students are not permitted on the oval after 3:30 p.m.
3. Students must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian if they are on the school grounds before 8:45 a.m. or after 3:45 p.m. RPS will not accept responsibility for students arriving at school prior to 8:45 a.m. or remaining at school after 3:45 p.m.
4. Students attending Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) between 7:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. will remain in the school grounds under the direct supervision and care of OSHC staff.
5. During recess between 10:50 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. and during lunchtime between 1:00 p.m. and 1:50 p.m., the playgrounds are supervised by an appropriate number of staff.
6. Supervising staff wear a bright vest to be clearly visible to students at all times.
7. The junior and senior playgrounds (play equipment areas) are supervised as part of the yard supervision listed in point 5 (five). The junior playground (oval end) is permitted for use only by students in Foundation to Year 2; the senior playground (ball court end) is permitted for use only by students in Years 3-6.
8. Students are not permitted on the junior playground before and after school.

9. Students may only use the senior playground before school (8.45 a.m.-9.00 a.m.) if they are in Years 3-6 OR if under the direct supervision of their parent/carer (or OSHC staff) whilst using the playground.
10. Students may only use the senior playground after school (3.30 p.m.-3.45 p.m.) if they have been dismissed by their teacher and are in Years 3-6 OR if they have been dismissed by their teacher and are under the direct supervision of their parent/carer (or OSHC) whilst using the playground.
11. After 3.45 p.m. supervision is no longer provided by RPS staff and any student who is in the school grounds or is observed by staff to be in the vicinity of the school grounds, that is not booked into OSHC and is not in the care of their parent/carer, is to be taken to the school office to make contact with the parent/carer to arrange immediate collection.
12. With the exception of agreed early finish times (e.g. at end of term and at the end of year) students who are required to leave school early or who arrive late must be signed in or out at the school office, using the relevant system by a parent/carer or person authorised on the enrolment form.

RELATED POLICIES

Duty of Care

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