



Avenel Primary School YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

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 Avenel 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

Avenel Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from **8.45am** until 3.40pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. As a school, we will regularly remind parents of our supervision times through our newsletter.

Before School Supervision: 8.45am-9am.

From 8.45 am, a staff member will patrol the entire school grounds.

Within School Hours Supervision:

During lunch and recess, rostered staff members will supervise the entire school grounds.

After School Supervision: 3.20pm-3.40pm.

At the conclusion of the school day, one staff member will supervise the Livingstone Street exit and another staff member will supervise the Anderson Street exit and parent car park.

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Avenel Primary School outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact the Principal on 5796 2264 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
- attempt to contact the emergency contacts
- place the student in our office area for supervision.
- 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 if not contact can be made or the safety of the child is perceived to be in danger.

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

Yard duty

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

The principal is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Avenel Primary School, school staff will supervise the entire school site.

Staff who are rostered for yard duty must remain in on active supervision until they are replaced by a relieving teacher.

During yard duty, supervising staff must:

- methodically move around the school site
- 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 the school's Engagement Policy and Behavioural expectation Flowchart.
- ensure that students who require first aid assistance receive it as soon as practicable
- log any incidents or near misses as appropriate on Compass.
- Patrol potentially secluded areas of the school grounds and enforce "No Go" zones.
- if being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member, ensure that 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 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 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 send a message to 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.

“No Go” Areas:

The following areas are listed as “No Go” areas for students. Staff are expected to provide regular, classroom reminders concerning these areas. Rostered yard duty teacher are expected to patrol these areas to ensure that compliance is being followed.

No Go Zones – “No Play, Stay Away”



No Go Areas:

Behind the school on the Livingstone Street side.

Behind the main school switchboard cabinet on the Anderson Street side.

Behind the galvanised storage shed.

Within the staff carpark.

Behind the bulk gas storage tank

Inside the Bike Shed during play times.

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 Principal 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.

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 7/6/2019 and is scheduled for review on 6/6/2020. This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Avenel Primary School's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.