



# Lorne P-12 College

## Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

### PURPOSE

To ensure school staff understand their supervision and yard duty responsibilities.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Lorne P-12 College, including education support staff, casual relief teachers and visiting teachers.

### POLICY

Appropriate supervision is an important strategy to monitor student behaviour and enables staff to identify and respond to possible risks at school as they arise. It also plays a vital role in helping schools to discharge their duty of care to students.

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that there is a well organised and responsive system of supervision and yard duty in place during school hours, before and after school, and on school excursions and camps and other school activities.

School staff are responsible for following reasonable and lawful instructions from the Principal, including instructions to provide supervision to students at specific dates, times and places.

#### Before and after school

Lorne P-12 College's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:30am until 3:15. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Before and after school, school staff will supervise the school playground, central asphalt area and front gate entrance of the school, next to the car park, and bus pick up and drop off point.

Parents and carers will be advised through a notification on our school website, regular reminders in our newsletter and compass, that they should not allow their children to attend Lorne P-12 College outside of these hours.

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 early arrival
- 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
- contact Victoria Police and/or Child Protection to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student.

### Yard duty

All staff at Lorne P-12 College are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster.

The Daily Organiser is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Lorne P-12 College, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

### **Yard duty zones**

The designated yard duty areas for our school (as at Term 1, 2023) are:

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Area</b>
Zone 1	Oval Upper level basketball courts
Zone 2	Primary Playground, synthetic grass & asphalt area to the front gate
Zone 3	Central quadrangle & Grove Road area

Map Below



## **Yard duty equipment**

School staff must:

- wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be provided for all staff with additional vests available in the office
- carry the yard duty first aid bag at all times during supervision. The yard duty first aid bags will be stored in the ILS building and also in the staff room.
- Be familiar with the yard duty information pack containing student health and safety information stored in the first aid bags.

Yard duty equipment must be returned after the period of supervision or handed to the relieving staff member.

## **Yard duty responsibilities**

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

During yard duty, supervising school staff must:

- methodically move around the designated - staff are required to move in a clockwise or anticlockwise position, to ensure that all areas are within line of sight to at least one yard duty teacher at a time.
- ensure students remain in their designated year level zones
- 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 school's Student Engagement policy
- ensure that students who require first aid assistance receive it as soon as practicable
- log any incidents or near misses as appropriate on Compass .

If being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member (for example, where the shift is 'split' into 2 consecutive time periods), the staff member must ensure that a brief but adequate verbal 'handover' is given to the relieving 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 Daily Organiser 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 the relieving staff member does not arrive for yard duty, the staff member currently on duty should call Assistant Principal, and not leave the designated area until a relieving staff member has arrived.

Students will be encouraged to speak to the supervising yard duty staff member if they require assistance during recess or lunchtime.

## 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 [insert procedure, i.e. front office/Year Level Coordinator] for assistance. The teacher should then wait until a replacement staff member has arrived at the classroom before 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 activity. Appropriate supervision will be planned for school activities, camps and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved.

## Digital devices and virtual classroom

Lorne P-12 College follows the Department's [Cybersafety and Responsible Use of Technologies Policy](#) with respect to supervision of students using digital devices.

Lorne P-12 College will also ensure appropriate supervision of students participating in remote and flexible learning environments while on school site. In these cases, students will be supervised in an allocated classroom or the library.

While parents are responsible for the appropriate supervision of students accessing virtual classrooms from home:

- student attendance will be monitored daily
- any wellbeing or safety concerns for the student will be managed in accordance with our usual processes – refer to our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and our Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures for further information.

## Students requiring additional supervision support

Sometimes students will require additional supervision, such as students with disability or other additional needs. In these cases, the Principal or delegate will ensure arrangements are made to roster additional staff as required. This may include on yard duty, in the classroom or during school activities.

## Workplace learning programs

When students are participating in workplace learning programs, such as work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and structured workplace learning, the safety and welfare of the student is paramount. Organising staff are required to follow all applicable Department of Education and Training policies and guidelines in relation to off-site learning, including policy and guidelines on the safety and wellbeing of students. Refer to:

- [Structure Workplace Learning](#)
- [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
- [Work Experience](#)
- [School Community Work](#)

## Independent Study

Year 12 students are to remain on site for independent study in their homeroom or the library. Parent permission can be obtained for the student to leave the school; after their last class or before their first class, to study from home. Parents and students must complete and sign the 'study Leave Form' and it must be approved by the principal.

Year 11 students must remain on site for independent study in their homeroom or the library.

## Supervision of student in emergency operating environments

In emergency circumstances our school will follow our Emergency Management Plan, including with respect to supervision.

In the event of any mandatory period of remote or flexible learning our School will follow the operations guidance issued by the Department.

## Library

Students are supervised in the library by their classroom teachers. During lunchtimes, as Educational Support staff member will be in the library and a classroom teacher will also monitor as part of their Yard Supervision Roster.

## Toilets and movement during class time

Our lower primary students (Prep-2) are students expected to go in pairs during class time to the bathroom or on jobs or when moving around the school during class time. Years three to six use primary allocated toilets located in the RSL building. Female, years 7 – 12, use ILS toilets allocated to females only. Male, years 7 – 12, use portable toilets located on the synthetic turf adjacent to the ILS. This is temporary arrangement until the new secondary building is complete.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes
- Discussed at staff briefings or meetings, as required
- Included in our staff handbook
- Included as a reference in our school newsletter each term
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Information for parents and students on supervision before and after school is available on our school website and parent reminders are sent at the beginning of each term in our school newsletter.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
  - [Child Safe Standards](#)
  - [Cybersafety and Responsible Use of Technologies](#)
  - [Duty of Care](#)
  - [Excursions](#)
  - [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
  - [School Community Work](#)

- [Structured Workplace Learning](#)
- [Supervision of Students](#)
- [Visitors in Schools](#)
- [Work Experience](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2023
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This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Lorne P-12 College's yard duty and supervision arrangements.

