



# YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

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## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Principal.

### PURPOSE

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

### SCOPE

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. Supervision should be undertaken in a way that identifies and mitigates risks to child safety.

### POLICY

#### Before and after school

Marlborough Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.45am until 9.00am in the mornings and 3.30pm until 3.45pm in the afternoon. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Marlborough Primary School outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact Camp Australia OSHC on 0402 263 063 or refer to <http://marlboroughps.vic.edu.au/oshc> 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 an out of school hours care program (if available)
- 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.

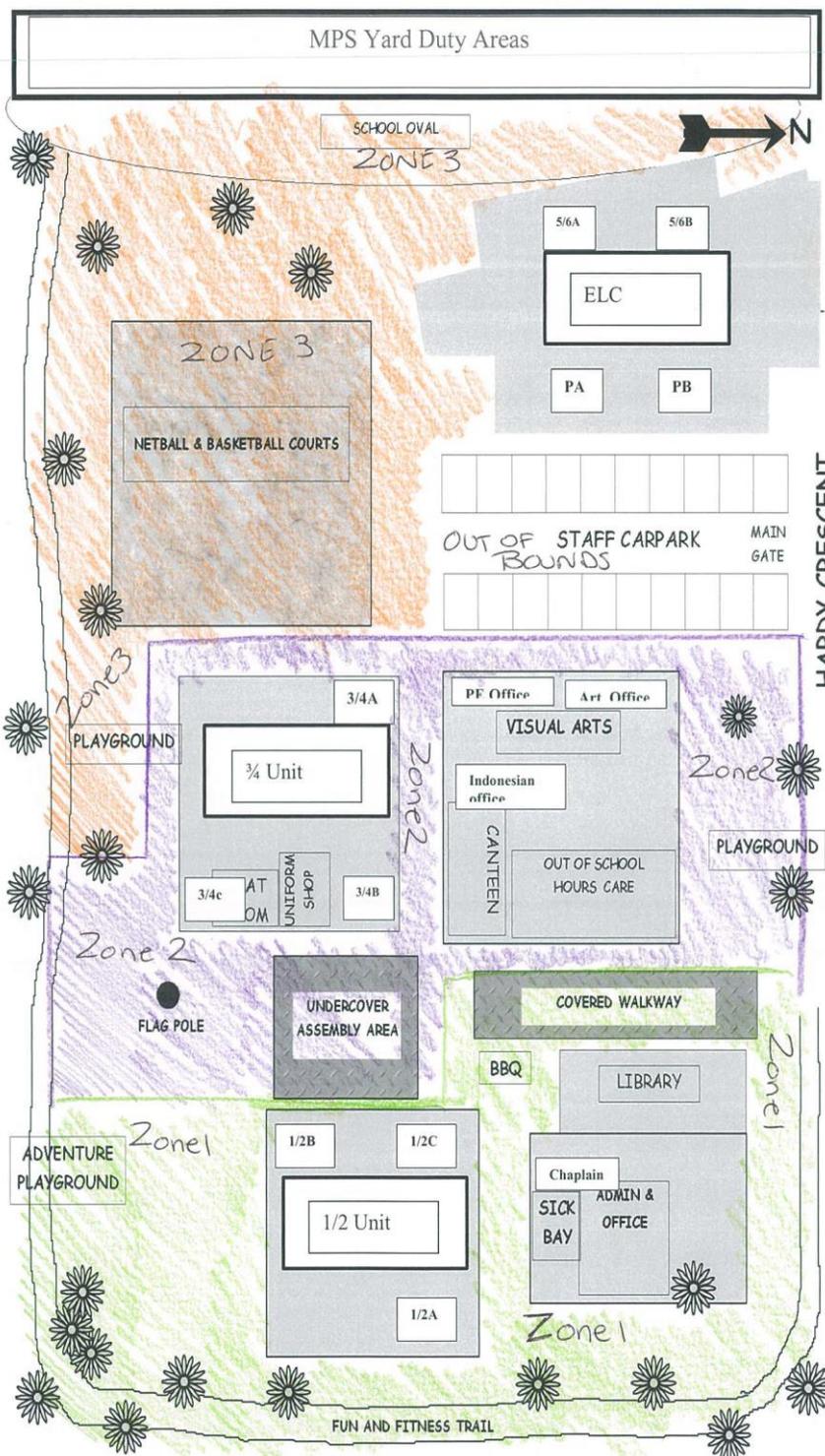
#### Yard duty

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

A member of the leadership team is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Marlborough Primary School staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

The designated yard duty areas for our school as at Term 1, 2022

Zone	Area
Zone 1	Around the Admin and 1/2 Buildings (including down to the Frog Bog)
Zone 2	Around the Specialist and 3/4 Buildings (including the Foundation and 1/2 Playgrounds)
Zone 3	The basketball courts, the Big A (Senior Playground) and the Oval



School staff must wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Staff are responsible for their own yard duty vests and first aid bum bags.

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

During yard duty, supervising staff must:

- wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored [insert detail]
- carry the yard duty first aid bag at all times during supervision. The yard duty first aid bag will be stored in [insert location]. methodically move around the designated zone
- 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 as set out in our *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 on Compass and ensure all student's classroom teachers are notified of the incident
- if being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member (for example, where the shift is 'split' into 2 consecutive time periods), 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 contact the office/staffroom or call the 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 the Area Coordinator or 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

Policy last reviewed	June 2022
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