



Help for non-English speakers

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PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Lara Lake Primary School, 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. Supervision should be undertaken in a way that identifies and mitigates risks to child safety.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Lara Lake Primary School grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:45am until 3:35pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Parents and carers will be advised through our school website and the Compass portal that they should not allow their children to attend Lara Lake Primary School outside of these hours.

Lara Lake Primary School offers before and after school care via a third party provider - 'TheirCare'. Before School Care operates between the hours of 7.00am - 9.00am. After School Care runs from 3:30pm - 6:30pm TheirCare may be contacted on the following number: 1300 072 410 / 0439 066 823 or via the TheirCare website: www.theircare.com.au

If a student consistently 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 consistently not collected before supervision finishes at the end of the day, the principal or nominee staff member will consider whether it is appropriate to:

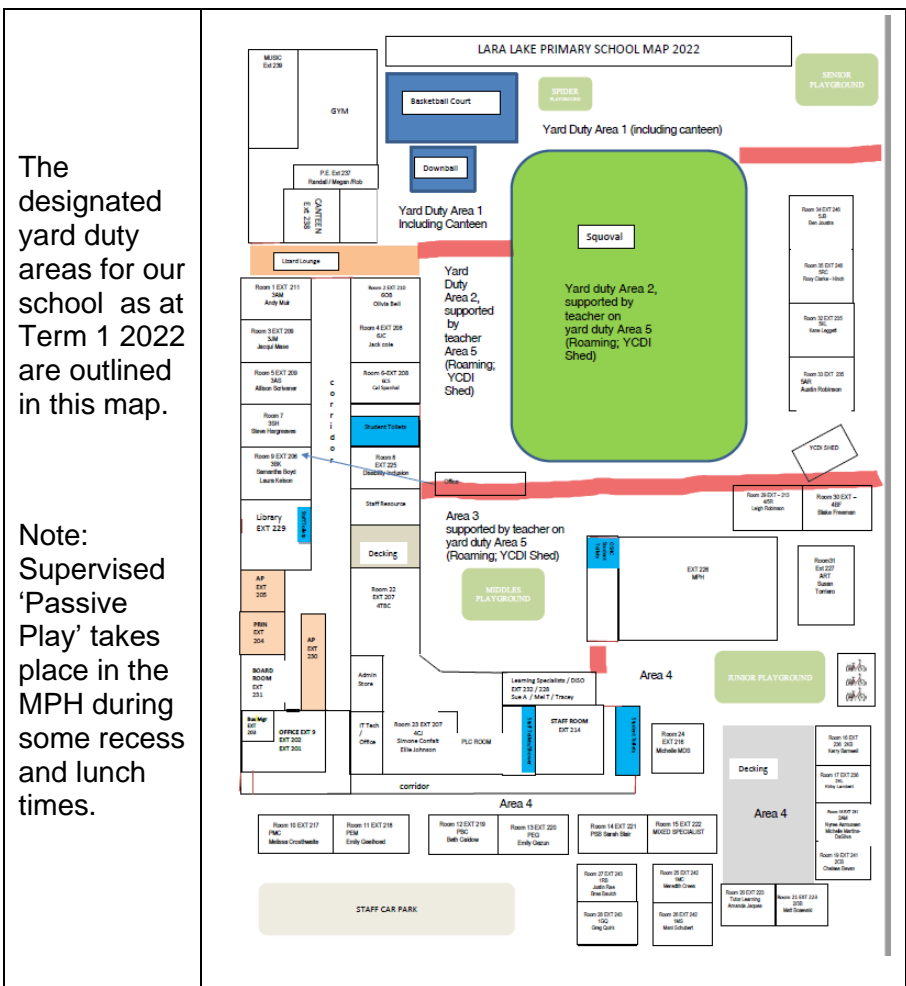
- contact the parents/carers
- contact the emergency contacts
- place the student in an out of school hours care program (if available and the parent consents)
- contact Victoria Police and/or Child Protection to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student.

YARD DUTY

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

The Assistant Principals are responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Lara Lake Primary School, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise

Yard Duty Zones



Yard duty equipment

School staff must:

- wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored in corridor outside staffroom
- carry the yard duty first aid bag at all times during supervision. The yard duty first aid bag will be stored in the corridor outside staffroom
- Be familiar with the yard duty information pack containing student health and safety information stored inside first aid room and inside first aid bag
- 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 zone ensuring active supervision of all students
- where safe to do so, approach any unknown visitor who is observed on school grounds without a clear legitimate purpose, and ensure they have a visitor pass and have signed in (excluding drop off and collection periods)
- ensure students remain in their designated 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 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 EduSafe Plus/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 Assistant 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 a staff member to relieve them, 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 contact the office or Assistant 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 student needs to leave the classroom they will do so accompanied by a staff member or another student, depending on circumstances.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, they should first contact a member of their teaching team, where a suitable supervision plan can be established.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

The principal and principal class 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, and will follow the supervision requirements in the Department of Education and Training [Excursions Policy](#).

DIGITAL DEVICES AND VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Lara Lake Primary School follows the Department's [Cybersafety and Responsible Use of Technologies Policy](#) with respect to supervision of students using digital devices.

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.

A roster will be in place to support students who require additional supervision.

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.

As noted above, a roster will be in place to ensure supervision of students at all times. This may involve students in 'The Hub' (Sensory Zone), those engaging in Passive Play or in the gym during lunch / recess sessions. Students in the office area will also be supervised by staff members at all times.

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
- Made available in hard copy from the school administration upon request

Information for parents and students on supervision before and after school is available on our school website

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

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This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Lara Lake Primary School's yard duty and supervision arrangements.