

Yard Duty and Supervision

This policy is to advise and guide the Principal whose responsibility it is to implement policy with appropriate procedures – See Yard Duty and Supervision Procedures

Berengarra takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all Child Safety Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to explain to staff at Berengarra School, yard duty procedures and expectations for the appropriate supervision of secondary students. 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.

Objective

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

Scope

The Principal or Head of Campus 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.

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Berengarra School, including education support staff, casual relief teachers and visiting teachers.

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

Policy

Berengarra School hours are from 9.30am until 2.40pm. Berengarra School grounds are supervised by school staff from 9am at the Box Hill Campus and 9.15am at the Pathways Campus. Box Hill Campus students are offered transport to Box Hill Station under the supervision of a teacher and educational support staff member daily. Supervision onsite/ in the yard is provided at Box Hill until 3pm daily by teaching staff. Outside these times, school staff will not be available to supervise students. Students who attend the school outside these times are required to sign in and out at the office.

Further Information and Resources

- <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/supervision-students/policy>

Related Berengarra School policies including:

Duty of Care, Child Safe Standards, Visitors in Schools

Related Berengarra School Procedures: Yard Duty and Supervision

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