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## SUPERVISION & DUTY OF CARE POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Principals and teachers are held to a high standard of care in relation to students. The duty of care requires principals and teachers to take all reasonable steps to reduce risk, including:

- provision of suitable and safe premises
- provision of an adequate system of supervision and implementation of strategies to prevent bullying
- ensuring that medical assistance is provided to a sick or injured student

### **Aim:**

To outline and explain the nature of the legal duties owed by teachers and school staff towards students. For school staff to effectively carry out their duty of care.

For the school community to work together to provide a safe and secure learning environment for children.

### **Implementation:**

Whenever a teacher-student relationship exists, teachers have a duty of care. The teacher is to take such measures as are reasonable in the circumstances to protect a student under their charge from risks of injury that the teacher should reasonably have foreseen.

The Principal/teacher will consider what precautions the school could reasonably be expected to have taken to prevent any harm from occurring. This will involve consideration of the following factors:

- the probability that the harm would occur if care were not taken.
- the likely seriousness of the harm.
- taking precautions to avoid the risk of harm.
- the social utility of the activity that creates the risk of harm.

The teachers' duty of care extends outside of school grounds for; camps, sporting events and excursions.

The playground is supervised when students are outside at lunch, recess and before and after school.

Students remain under the teacher's supervision until they are picked up at the end of the school day.

Students will only be permitted to leave the school premises with a parent or another person authorised by parents to collect the student.

### **Related policies**

Camps Policy, Excursion Policy, Anaphylaxis Policy, First Aid Policy, Bus Policy, Mandatory Reporting Policy, Child Safe Policy & Child Protection policies.

**Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

**Approved by School Council – October 2016**

**To be reviewed – October 2019**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ian Denson, Principal

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_