



PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DUTY OF CARE POLICY

RATIONALE

The purpose of this policy is to explain to our school community the non-delegable duty of care obligations that all staff at Patterson Lakes Primary School owe to our students and members of the school community who visit and use the school premises.

AIMS

'Duty of Care' is a legal obligation that requires schools to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm, which can include personal injury (physical or psychological) or damage to property. The reasonable steps that our school may decide to take in response to a potential risk or hazard will depend on the circumstances of the risk.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our school has developed policies and procedures to manage common risks in the school environment, including:

- Student Engagement and Wellbeing
- Yard duty and Supervision
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps
- Excursions, incursions and activities
- Swimming instruction and water safety
- First Aid
- Allergy Management
- Child Safe Standards
- Emergency Management
- Volunteers & Visitors
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Mandatory Reporting
- Occupational Health and Safety

Staff at our school understand that school activities involve different levels of risk and that particular care may need to be taken to support younger students or students with additional needs. Our school also understands that it is responsible for ensuring that the school premises are kept in good repair and will take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of members of our community suffering injury or damage because of the state of the premises.

School staff, parents, carers and students are encouraged to speak to the principal to raise any concerns about risks or hazards at our school, or our duty of care obligations.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Supervision](#)
 - [Duty of Care](#)
 - [Child Safe Standards](#)
 - [Visitors in Schools](#)
 - [Working with Children Check](#)
 - [Emergency and Risk Management](#)
 - [Swimming Instruction and Water Safety](#)


EVALUATION

Guidelines are updated every 3 - 4 years as per DET recommendations.

CERTIFICATION

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Patterson Lakes Primary School, August 15th 2018.

Signed.....


School Council President

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Principal