



Supervision (Yard Duties) Policy

Context

St Patrick's College is a Catholic day and boarding school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition, established in 1893. St Patrick's College is committed to providing a caring, supportive, and safe environment where every student has a place, a voice and their story is known. Edmund Rice Education Australia is committed to providing safe and supportive environments where all children and young people entrusted to our care are affirmed in their dignity and worth as a person.

Background

Edmund Rice Education Australia – Victorian Schools Limited (EREA-VSL), as St Patrick's College's governing authority, sets the policy framework for all EREA-VSL schools. These policies have been contextualised for St Patrick's College's particular school environment so that our policies reflect the needs of our students*.

*Student includes any person enrolled in the College, either as a day pupil or as a boarder.

The Hazard – Playground Accidents

Serious injuries from accidents in the College grounds can occur from inadequate supervision, inappropriate games, lack of maintenance of ground equipment, overcrowded play areas and contamination from dangerous items such as broken glass and syringes. Each hazard has the capacity to pose a risk to the safety of students.

St Patrick's College's Policy

St Patrick's College is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students.

It is our policy that:

- Grounds are regularly inspected for potential safety hazards and suitably maintained;
- Grounds are supervised by staff immediately before and after College and during recess and lunch;
- First aid facilities are readily available at all times; and
- Student injuries and any near misses are recorded.

Inspections & Maintenance

The College has implemented the following preventative measures to minimise the risk of accidents and injuries:

- Risks associated with accidents are regularly assessed;
- Regular inspections are undertaken;
- Any dangerous items such as broken glass or syringes are promptly removed; and
- Playground furniture and equipment is properly maintained.

Playground Rules

The College regularly informs students of appropriate playground behaviour to minimise the risk of playground accidents and injuries.

Playground Supervision

Playground activities before and after College, during recess and lunch are supervised by teaching staff to minimise the risks of playground accidents and injuries.

First Aid

In the event an accident occurs and a student is injured, supervising staff should follow the procedures as set out in our **First Aid Policy**.

Workers' Responsibility

All workers are responsible to:

- Be diligent and attentive when on duty;
- Enforce rules consistently, fairly and equitably; and
- Respond appropriately to any incidents, accidents or injuries.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Risk assessments;
- Playground inspections;
- Staff and student training;
- Effective playground supervision;
- Effective communication and incident notification procedures;
- The availability of first aid facilities;
- Effective record keeping procedures; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

Status of Policy

This policy has been downloaded from CompliSpace, is endorsed by EREA-VSL and is reviewed annually.

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POLICY DATABASE INFORMATION	
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Related policies	Accident Management Policy Anaphylaxis Policy First Aid Policy OH&S Policy Pastoral Care Policy Student Concussion Policy Supervision (General) Policy

