

<h1>Duty of Care Policy</h1>	 Glengala Primary School
Date: April 2022	Approved by Principal: Dawn Vassallo

Help for non-English speakers



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Purpose

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

Scope

“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.

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

- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Camps and Excursions Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Child Safe Standards Policy
- Child Safe Reporting Obligations Policy
- First Aid (including management of ill students) Policy
- OH & S management

- Emergency Management Tools

Implementation

Our school acknowledges we are required to take reasonable precautions to prevent the abuse of a child by an individual associated with the organisation while the child is under the care, supervision or authority of the organisation.

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.

External Providers

Staff at our school acknowledge that, as our duty of care is non-delegable, we are also required to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm when external providers have been engaged to plan for or conduct an activity involving our students. Our Visitors Policy and Camps and Excursions Policy include information on the safety and care of our students when engaged with external providers. Our School will follow all applicable Department of Education and Training policy and guidelines in relation to off-site learning and will ensure that the safety and welfare of the students engaging in these activities is paramount.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways

- Provided to staff at induction and included in school documents on Compass
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- Made available publicly on our school website
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Related Policies and Guidelines

Personal Liability of School Employees

Risk Management

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL): [Duty of Care](#)
- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL): [Structured Workplace Learning](#)

Review Date

This policy is required for minimum standards.

This policy does not require consultation or approval from school council.

This policy was presented to school council in April 2022.

Date of next review: 2024 or earlier