



Werrimull P-12 School

Yard Duty Supervision

Yard duty supervision is an essential element in teachers' duty of care. Be aware that students are usually less constrained and more prone to accident and injury than in a more closely supervised classroom.

Be aware that yard duty supervision within the school requires the teacher to fully comply with DE&T guidelines and brings with it an increased duty of care. It is a teacher's responsibility to be aware of these guidelines and duty of care responsibilities (available by searching duty of care on the DE&T website).

- Teachers timetabled for duty are to enter the yard at the time indicated on the timetable.
- First lunch duty should ensure all Primary students are sitting in the assembly area to eat their lunch.
- Teachers on duty are to remain in the yard until the end of the break period or until replaced by the relieving teacher, whichever is applicable.
- The handing over of duty from one teacher to another must be quite definite and **must occur in the yard**. Where a relieving teacher does not arrive for duty, the teacher currently on duty should send a message to the office, **but not leave the area until replaced**.
- No changes to the yard duty timetable are to be made without the approval of the Daily organiser, or Assistant Principal.
- Be alert and vigilant -intervene **immediately** if potentially dangerous behaviour is observed in the yard - enforce Werrimull P-12 School behaviour standards and logical consequences for breaches of safety rules as required.
- Yard duty teachers are responsible for ensuring students are not in the classrooms before school, recess, lunch breaks, and after school unless given permission by the Principal or Principal nominee.

Whilst each case regarding a teacher's legal duty of care will be judged on the circumstances that occurred at the time, the following common examples may be times when a teacher has failed to meet their legal duty of care responsibilities to their students:

- arriving late to scheduled timetabled yard duty responsibilities
- failing to attend a yard duty
- failing to act appropriately to protect a student who claims to be bullied
- leaving students unattended in the yard, for example sitting in the one position all duty
- ignoring dangerous play

YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON THE MOVE AND HIGHLY VISIBLE.