YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION STATEMENT 2026

Purpose

Appropriate supervision is an important strategy to monitor student behaviour, manage risks, and help Watsonia Heights Primary School discharge its **duty of care** to all students.

Supervision Hours

- **Before School:** School grounds are supervised from **8:45am**. Students should not arrive before this time as formal supervision is not provided.
- **Recess and Lunch:** Staff are actively rostered to supervise students across designated playground areas during all recess and lunch breaks.
- **After School:** School grounds are supervised until **3:45pm**. Parents and carers are responsible for arranging prompt pick-up or travel arrangements after supervision concludes.

Yard Duty Roster & Staffing

- All staff undertaking yard duty are accredited and hold current VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) or WWCC (Working with Children Check) credentials as required by Department of Education guidelines.
- Teachers on yard duty wear **yellow high-visibility vests,** so they are easily identifiable to students and the school community.
- In the event of **inclement weather**, alternative indoor supervision spaces are activated according to the school's wet-day timetable.

Parent and Carer Responsibilities

- Parents and carers are responsible for the supervision of students outside of officially supervised school hours (before the morning opening time and after afternoon dismissal).
- Visitors to the school grounds do not have supervisory authority over students.

Further Information

For further information regarding yard duty and supervision at Watsonia Heights Primary School, a hard copy of our Yard Duty and Supervision Policy (2026-2028) is available from the school's Front Office.