



## Playground Equipment

### **Rationale:**

- Playgrounds are essential pieces of school equipment, providing children with opportunities to develop physical and creative play skills, as well as providing unique experiences for children to develop relationships, friendships and personal awareness.

### **Aims:**

- To provide safe, exciting, challenging and adventurous playgrounds which comply with Australian Standards and Department of Education and Training requirements.

### **Implementation:**

- We strive to have attractive and exciting playgrounds for our children.
- The development and maintenance of playgrounds is the responsibility of school council.
- Due to potential legal liability issues, all of our play equipment will be designed, manufactured, installed and tested by professional playgrounds equipment manufacturers, and will comply with the Australian Standards.
- Similarly, soft landing areas that comply with the relevant Standards will be installed and maintained under and around all play equipment.
- A corresponding maintenance plan for all outside play areas will also be developed, implemented
- The school maintenance plan will include regular formal inspections at school Working Bees by the Buildings & Grounds sub-committee
- Identified maintenance issues will be prioritised for attention
- The principal will ensure that any unsafe equipment is prevented from being used until it is repaired or removed.
- Daily visual inspections by school staff will be carried out in case of vandalism or other damage.
- Children using play equipment during OSHC hours will be supervised at all times.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the schools policy review and after any significant playground accident or incident.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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