

**St. Theresa's Primary School, Albion**  
**School Yard Supervision Policy**



**Rationale:**

Adequate supervision of students in the school yard is a requirement of the school's duty of care.

**Beliefs:**

At St. Theresa's we believe that:

- teachers need to maintain vigilance at all times on yard duty
- teachers consistently follow the discipline plan so as to promote positive behaviour in the school yard
- the school yard should be a safe environment at all times

**Aims :**

At St Theresa's we aim:

- to provide adequate and appropriate supervision of students in the school yard
- to provide a safe environment for the children to play.

**Implementation :**

Supervision of the students is the responsibility of all staff.

A roster system will be used to timetable staff members for yard supervision.

After school yard duty finishes at 3.30 every day .

The Deputy Principal is responsible for coordinating the rosters and for negotiating specific duty times or days with individual staff members.

Two staff members are on yard duty at any one time.

There are two sessions of yard duty per break.

Early morning duty staff members open the gates at 8.30, and then inspect the perimeter of the yard for dangerous objects. They are responsible for opening the toilets.

Yard duty staff members will be provided with bum bags containing basic first aid supplies, as well as the Discipline Management book. They are required to wear visy vest for easy identification on the yard.

Yard duty staff members will reward positive behaviour on the yard.

Casual relief teachers will be responsible for the yard duty responsibilities of staff members they are replacing.

Staff members who are aware that they cannot fulfil their yard duty obligations due to appointments or excursions are required to make a swap with other staff members or discuss the matter with the Deputy Principal.

Staff will follow and enforce the Sun Smart policy.

The fence line is out of bounds.

Staff on yard duty must be vigilant about unknown people in the yard.

Any child uncollected from their classroom at the completion of school needs to be sent down to the office where they will be supervised by the administrative staff until they are picked up.