Duty of Care Policy

Preamble

Teachers are required to supervise all learning environments; the school grounds, the classroom and excursions - online spaces are also considered a learning environment. Therefore as part of that duty, teachers are required to adequately supervise students who are working in these spaces. This duty also requires protection from risks that could arise (that is, those that the teacher should reasonably have foreseen) and against which preventive measures could be taken.

Aims

Principals and teachers are held to a high standard of care in relation to students. The duty requires principals and teachers to take all reasonable steps to reduce risk, including:

- provision of suitable and safe premises
- provision of an adequate system of supervision
- implementation of strategies to prevent bullying
- ensuring that medical assistance is provided to a sick or injured student.

Implementation

The College will ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are developed, reviewed and enforced to ensure safety of all students. This includes but is not limited to:

- Student engagement Policy and guidelines
- Positive Relationship Policy
- Attendance Policy and procedures
- First Aid Policy
- Mobile Communications Policy
- Camps and Excursions Policy and procedures
- Yard Duty Guidelines

The College Pastoral Program will continue to develop education around bullying and cyberbullying.

The facilities plan will ensure that regular maintenance is carried out to ensure a safe environment.

Related Documents

Student engagement Policy and guidelines
Positive Relationship policy
Attendance Policy and procedures
First Aid policy
Mobile Communications Policy
Camps and Excursions Policy and Procedures
Yard duty Guidelines

External Links


Ratified Date

This policy was ratified by School Council on 25 March 2014

Review Date

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College’s three-year review cycle