



YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY



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PURPOSE

To ensure school staff understand their supervision and yard duty responsibilities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Terang College, including education support staff, casual relief teachers and visiting teachers.

POLICY

Appropriate supervision is an important strategy to monitor student behaviour and enables staff to identify and respond to possible risks at school as they arise. It also plays a vital role in helping schools to discharge their duty of care to students.

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that there is a well organised and responsive system of supervision and yard duty in place during school hours, before and after school, and on school excursions and camps and other school activities.

School staff are responsible for following reasonable and lawful instructions from the Principal, including instructions to provide supervision to students at specific dates, times and places. Supervision should be undertaken in a way that identifies and mitigates risks to child safety.

Before and after school

Terang College's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:45am until 3:35pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

A staff member is on duty between 8:45am and 9am for students from P-12.

4 staff are rostered on at recess for a period of 25mins from 11.05am – 11.30am

8 staff are rostered on during lunch with the total time divided into 2 shifts from 1.35pm – 2.20pm

2 staff are rostered on after school to supervise the bus zones and walk F-2 students to bus area at 3.25pm

For F-6 students:

Parents and carers will be advised through Compass posts about before and after school supervision that they should not allow their children to attend Terang College outside of these hours. Families will be encouraged to contact the office or child's classroom teacher on 55 921349.

Terang College has a before and after school service which parents are invited to use if they need care for their children between 7.00-9.00am and 3:30-6.00pm.

If a student arrives at school before supervision commences at the beginning of the day, the Principal or nominee staff member will, as soon as practicable, follow up with the parent/carer to:

- advise of the supervision arrangements before school
- request that the parent/carer make alternate arrangements.

If a student is not collected before supervision finishes at the end of the day, the Principal or nominee staff member will consider whether it is appropriate to:

- attempt to contact the parents/carers
- attempt to contact the emergency contacts
- place the student in an out of school hours care program (if available and the parent consents)
- contact Victoria Police and/or Child Protection to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student.

For all secondary students:

Students who wish to attend school outside of these hours will be expected to sign in and out at the front office.

Yard duty

All staff at Terang College are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster.

The Daily Organiser/Assistant Principal] is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Terang College, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise

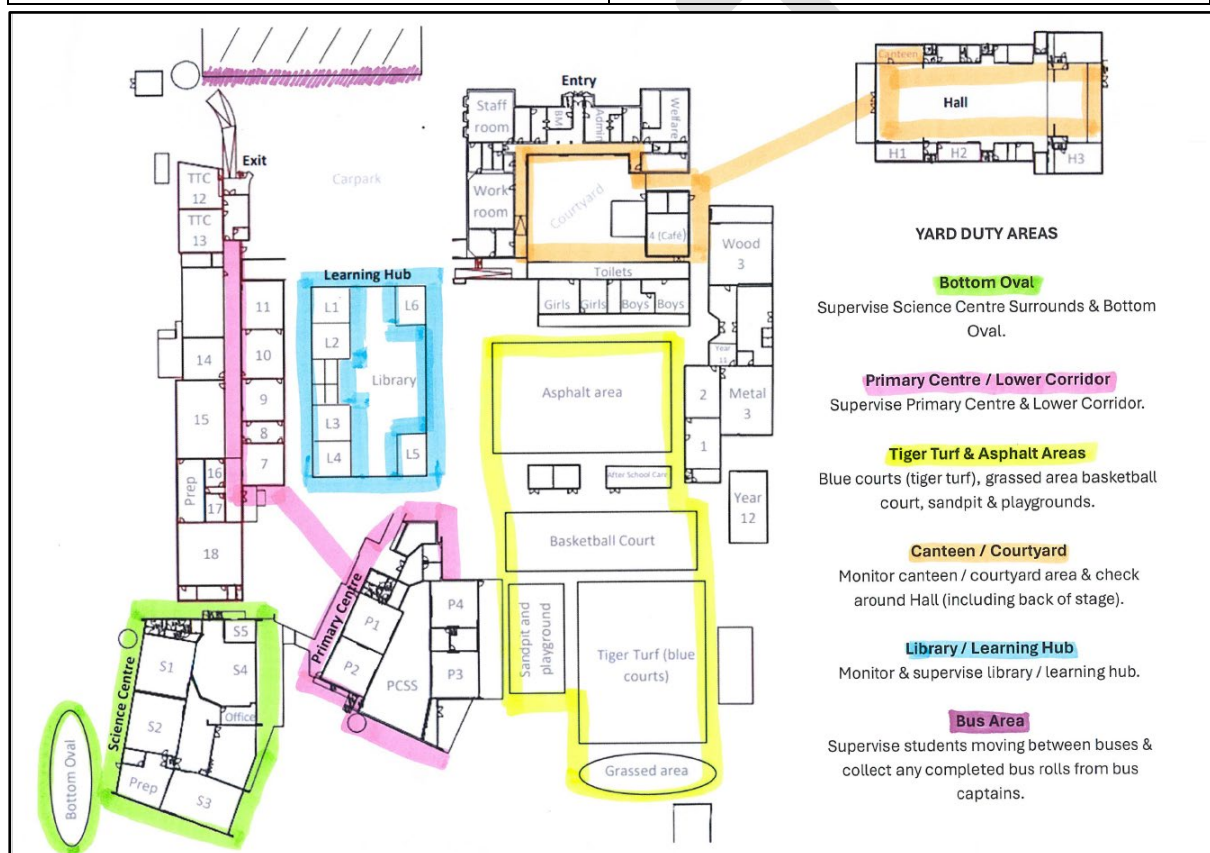
Students leaving school premises

All students, including 18 year olds, must have written permission or a phone call to the front office from parent/carer giving consent for student to leave the school grounds during school hours. The student will notify their teacher during home group and must sign out on the Compass Kiosk at the front office and sign back in if returning to the school. If the home group teacher is unavailable, the student must seek approval from the sub school leader

Yard duty zones

The designated yard duty areas for our school are

Zone	Area
Zone 1 – Primary Centre/Lower Corridor	Lower corridor, basketball court and around Primary Centre
Zone 2 – Tiger Turf/Asphalt	Area around tiger turf and asphalt
Zone 3 – Cafe/Courtyard/Hall	Around Courtyard, Café and around school hall
Zone 4 – Bottom Oval/Science Centre	Around Science Centre and bottom oval



Yard duty equipment

School staff must:

- wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests will be stored in the staff workroom
- carry the yard duty first aid bag at all times during supervision. The yard duty first aid bag will be stored in the staff workroom
- Be familiar with the yard duty information pack containing student health and safety information stored in the safe room in the office

Yard duty equipment must be returned after the period of supervision or handed to the relieving staff member.

Yard duty responsibilities

Staff who are rostered for yard duty must remain in the designated area until they are replaced by a relieving staff member.

During yard duty, supervising school staff must:

- methodically move around the designated zone ensuring active supervision of all students
- where safe to do so, approach any unknown visitor who is observed on school grounds without a clear legitimate purpose, and ensure they have a visitor pass and have signed in
- ensure students remain in their designated year level zones
- be alert and vigilant
- intervene immediately if potentially dangerous or inappropriate behaviour is observed in the yard
- enforce behavioural standards and implement appropriate consequences for breaches of safety rules, in accordance with any relevant disciplinary measures set out in the school's Student Engagement Policy;
[Student Wellbeing Engagement 12 2025.docx](#)
- ensure that students who require first aid assistance receive it as soon as practicable
- log any incidents or near misses as appropriate on Compass or edusafe

If being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member, where the shift is 'split' into 2 consecutive time periods, the staff member must ensure that a brief, but adequate verbal 'handover' is given to the relieving staff member in relation to any issues which may have arisen during the first shift.

If the supervising staff member is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the Daily Organiser or Assistant Principal with as much notice as possible prior to the relevant yard duty shift to ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

If the supervising staff member needs to leave yard duty during the allocated time, they should contact the Assistant Principal but should not leave the designated area until the relieving staff member has arrived in the designated area.

If the relieving staff member does not arrive for yard duty, the staff member currently on duty should call the Assistant Principal and not leave the designated area until a relieving staff member has arrived.

Students will be encouraged to speak to the supervising yard duty staff member if they require assistance during recess or lunchtime.

Classroom

The classroom teacher is responsible for the supervision of all students in their care during class.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, they should first contact the Assistant Principal for assistance or a nearby staff member who is not in the act of teaching. The teacher should then wait until a replacement staff member has arrived at the classroom before leaving.

School activities, camps and excursions

The Principal and leadership team are responsible for ensuring that students are appropriately supervised during all school activities, camps and excursions, including when external providers are engaged to conduct part or all of the activity. Appropriate supervision will be planned for school activities, camps and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved, and will follow the supervision requirements in the Department of Education [Excursions Policy](#).

Digital devices and virtual classroom

Terang College follows the department's [Digital Technologies - Responsible Use policy](#) with respect to supervision of students using digital devices.

Terang College will also ensure appropriate supervision of students participating in remote and flexible learning environments while on school site. In these cases, students will be supervised whilst in the library.

While parents are responsible for the appropriate supervision of students accessing virtual classrooms from home:

- student attendance will be monitored every class
- any wellbeing or safety concerns for the student will be managed in accordance with our usual processes – refer to our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and our Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures for further information.

Students requiring additional supervision support

Sometimes students will require additional supervision, such as students with disability or other additional needs. In these cases, the Principal or delegate will ensure arrangements are made to roster additional staff as required. This may include on yard duty, in the classroom or during school activities.

Workplace learning programs

When students are participating in workplace learning programs, such as work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and structured workplace learning, the safety and welfare of the student is paramount. Organising staff are required to follow all applicable Department of Education policies and guidelines in relation to off-site learning, including policy and guidelines on the safety and wellbeing of students. Refer to:

- [Structure Workplace Learning](#)
- [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
- [Work Experience](#)
- [School Community Work](#)

Independent Study

Year 12 students have a variety of independent study blocks and these will be undertaken in the library. This will be timetabled as a formal 'study hall' where teacher supervision and support will be provided, and attendance will be recorded by the supervising teacher. Students will not be permitted to leave school grounds during these sessions.

Supervision of student in emergency operating environments

In emergency circumstances our school will follow our Emergency Management Plan, including with respect to supervision.

In the event of any mandatory period of remote or flexible learning our School will follow the operations guidance issued by the Department.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways

- Included in staff induction processes
- Discussed at staff briefings or meetings, as required
- Included in our staff handbook
- Made available in hard copy from school administration up request.

Information for parents and students on supervision before and after school is available on our school website and parent reminders are sent at the beginning of each term in our school newsletter.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
 - [Child Safe Standards](#)
 - [Digital Technologies - Responsible Use](#)
 - [Duty of Care](#)
 - [Excursions](#)
 - [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
 - [School Community Work](#)
 - [Structured Workplace Learning](#)
 - [Supervision of Students](#)
 - [Visitors in Schools](#)
 - [Work Experience](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Terang College's yard duty and supervision arrangements.