



“Working Together for a Better Future”

DUTY OF CARE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain to our school community the non-delegable duty of care obligations that all staff at Wallan Primary School owe to our students and members of the school community who visit and use the school premises.

POLICY

“Duty of care” is a legal obligation that requires schools to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm, which can include personal injury (physical or psychological) or damage to property. The reasonable steps that our school may decide to take in response to a potential risk or hazard will depend on the circumstances of the risk.

Our school has developed policies and procedures to manage common risks in the school environment, including:

- Yard duty and Supervision
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions
- First Aid
- Student Private Property
- Child Safe Reporting Obligations
- Emergency Management
- Volunteers
- Visitors
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Occupational Health and Safety

Staff at our school understand that school activities involve different levels of risk and that particular care may need to be taken to support younger students or students with additional needs. Our school also understands that it is responsible for ensuring that the school premises are kept in good repair and will take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of members of our community suffering injury or damage because of the state of the premises.

School staff, parents, carers and students are encouraged to speak to the Principal to raise any concerns about risks or hazards at our school, or our duty of care obligations.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: Duty of Care
- Wallan Primary School related policies, listed above.

Current version of this policy

This policy will be regularly reviewed and updated to take account of the new laws and technology and the changing school environment when required.

Last DET update: February 2018

Endorsed by School Council:

Next review: 2022