



## 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 Beaumaris 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
- Tree Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance
- Student Private Property
- Child Safe Standards
- External Providers
- Emergency Management
- Volunteers
- Visitors
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Mandatory Reporting
- 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

[Volunteer and Visitor Policy 2015](#)

[Bike Riding and Scooter Policy 2015](#)

[Excursion \(Day\) Policy 2016](#)

[Bullying Policy 2016](#)

[Child Safety Code of Conduct 2016](#)

[Statement of Commitment to Child Safety 2016](#)

[Mandatory Reporting Policy 2016](#)

[SunSmart Policy 2017](#)

[Camp Policy 2017](#)

[First Aid Policy 2018](#)  
[Health Care Needs Policy 2018](#)  
[Anaphylaxis Policy 2018](#)  
[Complaints Policy 2018](#)  
[Volunteers Policy 2018](#)  
[Attendance Policy 2018](#)

## **REVIEW CYCLE**

This policy was last updated on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and is scheduled for review in September 2022