

PLAYGROUND POLICY

This policy is informed by:

- CMS Student Welfare Policy 2015 (*revised 2017*)
- Policy on Playground Supervision (*reviewed June 2014*)
- CMS Duty of Care Policy
- CMS Sunsmart Policy 2006
- CMS Student Welfare Policy 2015

Statement:

The staff at Canberra Montessori School have a duty to adequately supervise in the outside environment. Staff act as role models while providing social support to students. Safety is paramount in the supervision of children at CMS.

Rationale:

Supervision of students in the outdoor environment at lunch time requires staff on duty to take reasonable care to ensure students do not come to harm. Adequate playground supervision effectively manages the health and safety of students, staff and external personnel within the school.

Playground Rules:

In addition to the Duty of Care Policy, there are six specific playground rules outlining the expectations of students during outdoor periods:

- I am kind and caring to others.
- I listen to and respect others.
- I wear my hat every day (*informed by CMS Sunsmart Policy*).
- I look after my playground and school.
- I share the playground and playground equipment with others.

Safety Regulations:

The following safety regulations have been adopted in conjunction with the School Rules and they encompass areas of general safety and playground safety.

- Students will not play in a rough and dangerous manner “e.g. tackle football, playing with sticks or dangerous materials”.
- Students will use any equipment for the purpose it was intended for.
- Students will not climb trees.
- Students will only play in designated areas and under supervision.
- Students will not leave the school playground areas without permission.

Staff on duty:

- Take positions on the playground where the majority of students are within view.
- Continually scan and move around the designated area.
- Are pro-active in anticipating problems.
- Interact with students and ensure inclusion or alternative activities.
- Follow school procedures “eg. administer first aid, ensure playground rules are adhered to”.
- Report concerns to the relevant classroom Director by the end of lunch time supervision.
- Other concerns (including WHS issues) should be reported and must be recorded (eg. by email) before the close of the school day.
- Intervene immediately if inappropriate games or activities are observed.

Approved by:	Date:	Next Review Date:
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