

NORTHLAND SCHOOL

Health and Safety Procedures Playground



These procedures provide for the safe and equitable use of playground spaces by Northland School students

- A clear schedule of behavioural expectations and safety requirements will be discussed with each class at the beginning of the school year.
- The playground procedures apply to all students until 3.15pm.
- PE gear will be provided for each class to use at morning tea and lunchtime.
- The Viggers Centre is not available unless under teacher supervision
- The library will be open from 1.00pm each day.
- All staff and students to wear sunhats when outside in Terms 1 and 4.

Playground Duty

- A duty roster will be organised for staff for the start of each term.
- Duty times are 10.30 – 10.50am and 12.40 – 1.05pm (first half) and 1.05 – 1.30pm (second half).
- Two staff members are on duty during morning tea and three at lunchtime.
- Duty teachers should be on duty as soon as possible after 10.30am and 12.40pm.
- Duty teachers should wear High Viz vests.
- Duty staff are responsible for monitoring the behaviour of students to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.
- Duty staff should take immediate action in the event of an accident, but trained first-aid staff should take over as soon as possible to enable the duty person to remain on supervisory duty.
- Supervision of lunch is the responsibility of class teachers until 12.40pm. Children should remain seated until 12.40pm, when they will be dismissed after the area has been checked for cleanliness. Junior children should be encouraged to remain until they have eaten a sufficient amount.
- Any hazards identified by staff when on duty to be reported immediately to the office.
- If weather conditions change duty staff will be responsible for changing status and signs.
- Duty staff have discretion with respect to weather conditions and behaviour.

Bells

A bell ringing indicates inside for everyone. Bells are rung at the following times:

- 8.55am to signal start of day
- 10.50am to signal start after interval
- 1.30pm to signal start of afternoon

Northland Park and Tennis Courts Duty

Students in Years 3 – 8 are able to use Northland Park and the tennis courts at lunchtime.

- One duty teacher will supervise crossing to Northland Park at 12.45 and 1.05 going with the children and back at 1.05 and 1.25pm. Staff must take first aid kit and cellphone.
- Duty teacher swap at Northland Park – 1.05pm - Next teacher leaves promptly at 1.00pm to ensure fair time.
- Children moving to Northland Park will line up at the pedestrian gate on Harbour View Road and will be crossed by the duty teacher.
- If children are playing at Northland Park, a Duty Teacher must be present at all times. Duty teachers may decide to bring children back if the numbers wanting to play there do not warrant a Duty Teacher.
- The Duty Teacher may decide just to use the Tennis Courts if Northland Park is too wet and muddy.

Outside / Inside / Choice

Depending on the weather conditions the following options and signage will apply:

- **Outside** - ALL OUTSIDE (weather dependent)
- **Inside** - ALL INSIDE (raining and/or strong wind and/or temperature inappropriate)
- **Choice** – (not applicable to Year 1 students who will be either **all** inside under teacher supervision or **all** outside)
 - Children choose to be either inside or outside
 - Northland Park may be closed
 - The Lower Tiger Turf may be closed
 - Weather appropriate for outside play

Area	Who Can Use	Rules
Top Tiger Turf	Year 1 at morning tea and lunchtime	
Junior Adventure Playground	Years 1 and 2	No chasing games Keep off the bar above the rings
Wide Slide	Years 3 - 8	Feet first No walking up, blocking others, sliding on jerseys
Fireman's Pole	Years 3 - 8	
High Wire	Years 3 – 8	Only 3 at a time No chasing games
Chimney	Years 3 - 8	No climbing or standing around the top edge
Bars	Years 3 – 8	Do not use if bars or safety surface is wet or icy
Lower Tiger Turf	Year 7 and 8 at morning tea Year 2 at lunchtime	
Northland Park and Tennis Courts	Year 3 – 8 at lunchtime	Boundaries ➤ Top of the steep bank ➤ Bottom of high bank areas above the tennis courts

Playground Spaces



Northland Park Boundaries

