



Yea High School

Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

TITLE	YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	Principal
LOCATION OF POLICY:	Website
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain to staff Yea High School's yard duty procedures and expectations for the appropriate supervision of secondary students. 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.

OBJECTIVE

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

SCOPE

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.

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

School staff are responsible for following reasonable and lawful instructions from the principal, including instructions to provide supervision to students at specific dates, time and places.

POLICY

Before and after school

Yea High School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:30 am until 3:40 pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

After school, school staff will be supervise the bus departure.

Students who may wish to attend school outside of these hours are required to be supervised by a teacher and have parental/carer permission.



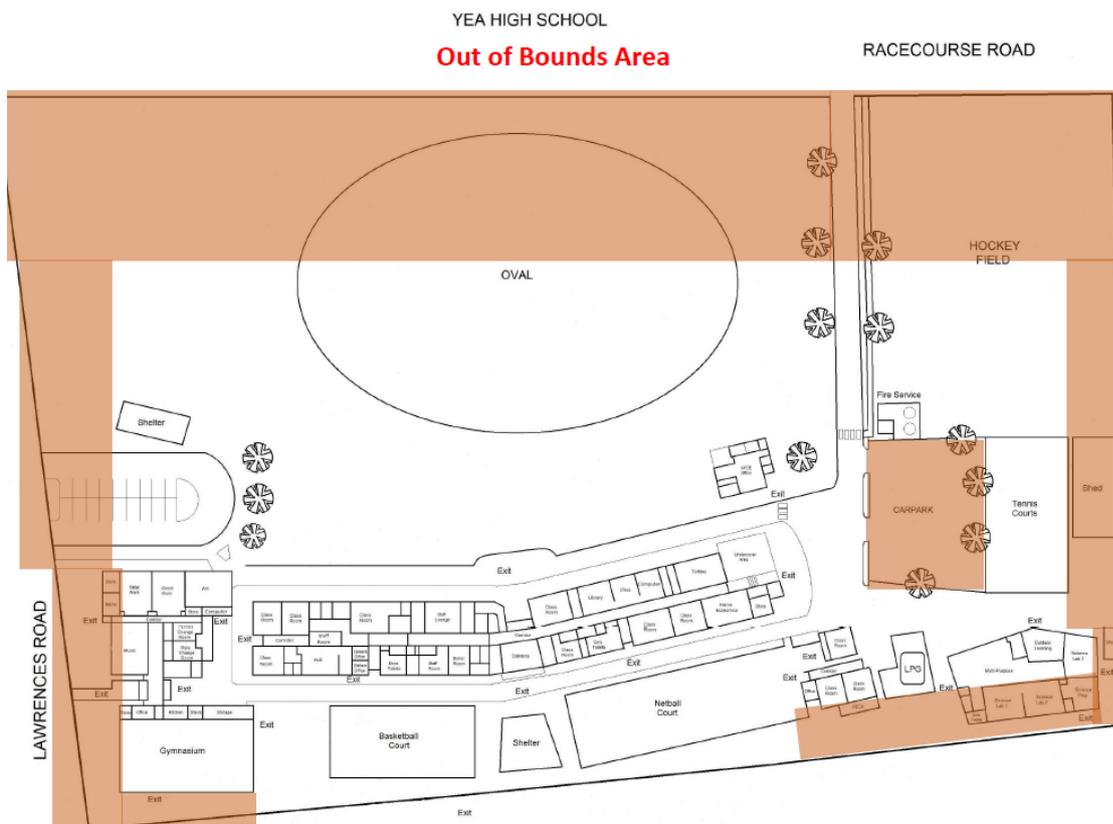
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Yard duty

Staff at Yea High School are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster.

The Assistant Principal is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Yea High School, school staff will be designated a specific time to supervise in the school yard. Students are not to be in the orange shaded areas unless directly supervised by a teacher.



MUST CHECK AREAS FOR YARD DUTY TEACHERS

- Cafe area especially during recess and lunch break
- Toilet areas including gym change rooms (ensure the change room areas and stadium are secured)
- Covered area (downball is the only ballgame permitted)
- Driveway (including bus circle)
- Tennis Courts
- Cricket nets area
- Rear of stadium
- Rear of Room 1,2 & 3
- South east corner near tennis courts & Science wing



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- Front (North) of art room

During yard duty, supervising school staff must:

- methodically move around the designated school site
- 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
- 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 with the Assistant Principal

If being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member (for example, 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 teacher is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the 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 teacher needs to leave yard duty during the allocated time, they should contact the Assistant Principal but should remain supervising until the relieving teacher has arrived.

If a next duty teacher does not arrive for yard duty, the teacher currently on duty should send a message to the office or contact the Assistant Principal and not leave the designated area until a relieving teacher has arrived.

Should students require assistance during recess or lunchtime, they are encouraged to speak to the supervising yard duty teacher.

Classroom

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

A student leaving a classroom should be provided with a pass out from the teacher. The teacher should monitor the time out of class.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, he or she should first contact the Assistant Principal or Timeout Supervisor for assistance. 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



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activities, camps and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library:
 - [Supervision of Students](#)
 - [Duty of Care](#)
 - [Child Safe Standards](#)
 - [Visitors in Schools](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in June 2021 and is scheduled for review in June 2023. This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Yea High School's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.