

Supervision & Inspection - Yard Policy



The Hazard – Yard Accidents

Serious injuries from accidents in the College yard can occur from inadequate supervision, inappropriate games, lack of maintenance of yard equipment, overcrowded yard areas and contamination from dangerous items such as broken glass and syringes. Each hazard has the capacity to pose a risk to the safety of students.

Lavalla Catholic College's Policy

Lavalla Catholic College (the College) is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students.

It is our policy that:

- Yards are regularly inspected for potential safety hazards and suitably maintained;
- Yards are supervised by staff during recess and lunch;
- Supervision of designated yard areas is provided before and after school;
- First aid facilities are readily available at all times during school hours; and
- Student injuries and any near misses are recorded and notified through CompliSpace notifications.

Inspections & Maintenance

The College has implemented the following preventative measures to minimise the risk of yard accidents and injuries:

- Risks associated with yard accidents are regularly assessed by the Maintenance Team;
- During yard duty, the yard duty teacher should report any maintenance issues through CompliSpace Maintenance Request Notifications, or for urgent safety issues, to Reception;
- Student / staff safety walks;
- Any dangerous items such as broken glass or syringes are promptly removed; and
- Yard furniture and equipment is properly maintained.

Yard Guidelines

Students are constantly reminded through Assemblies and LA / Homerooms of the need for safe and respectful behaviour with an emphasis on a hands-off approach.

Related Safety Policies

The College has also developed a set of related safety policies that may be applicable to incidents and/or accidents that occur in yards. A list of these related policies is provided at the end of this policy.

Yard Supervision

Yards are supervised by staff who are timetabled, immediately before and after school, during recess and lunch.

First Aid

In the event an accident occurs and a student is injured, supervising staff should follow the procedures set out in our **First Aid Policy**.

Workers' Responsibility

All staff are responsible to:

- Be diligent, active and attentive when on yard duty;
- Enforce yard behaviour expectations consistently, fairly and equitably; and
- Respond appropriately to any yard incidents, accidents or injuries.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Risk assessments;
- Yard inspections;
- Staff training;
- Effective yard supervision;
- Effective communication and incident notification procedures;
- The availability of first aid facilities;
- Effective record keeping procedures; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

Related Policies

Accident Management

Asthma Management Policy

Bites and Stings Policy

Broken Glass Policy

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy

Critical Incident (Emergency Situations) Response Policy

First Aid Policy

Heat Stress Policy

Individual Health Care Plans (High Risk Students) Policy

Management of Students at Risk of Anaphylaxis

Medical Records (Student) Policy

Needles and Syringes Policy

Sun Protection (Students) Policy