



# Bendigo Special Developmental School

## Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

### Parents and Students

Bendigo Special Developmental School understands it holds a high standard of care in relation to students at school. Appropriate, well-organised and responsive supervision of students during class time, recess and lunch is an important aspect of keeping students safe at school. It also enables staff to identify and respond to possible risks at school as they arise.

Staff participate in Bendigo Special Developmental School's yard duty roster and school supervision requirements, and follow clear procedures for responding to accidents or incidents in the playground and learning areas.

School staff are rostered on for yard duty before school, during recess, lunch and after school. School grounds are supervised before school at 8:45am in the Bus Bay area, JUNIOR MAIN and SENIOR MAIN yards. After school, staff supervise students until 3:30pm as they board buses, are collected from the parent pick-up area or office, and whilst they wait for Outside School Hours Care(OSHC) to start. Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not arrive early or stay late after school unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Bendigo Special Developmental School has in place a number of internal policies and procedures in place to respond to specific circumstances and potential risks in schools, including:

- camps and excursions
- First Aid
- grounds management and tree maintenance
- student private property

School staff, parents and students are encouraged to speak to our Principal or Assistant Principal if you have any concerns about potential risks at our school, or our duty of care obligations.