



# POMONAL

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### DUTY OF CARE POLICY

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain to our school community the non-delegable duty of care obligations that all staff at Pomonal Primary School owe to our students and members of the school community who visit and use the school premises. It also refers to the duty of care obligations for our students when they are attending activities as part of their school business beyond the school grounds, where they are being supervised by another authority or organisation.

#### POLICY

“Duty of care” is a legal obligation that requires schools to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of foreseeable harm and to prevent abuse of children which may include but is not limited to personal injury, physical or psychological abuse, or damage to personal property.

Our school has developed policies and procedures to manage common risks in the school environment and school related activities that occur beyond the school boundaries, including:

- Yard duty and Supervision
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions
- First Aid
- Child Safe Standards
- Emergency Management
- Volunteers
- Visitors
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Mandatory Reporting
- Occupational Health and Safety

Staff at our school understand that school activities involve different levels of risk and that particular care may need to be taken to support younger students or students with additional needs. Our school also understands that it is responsible for ensuring that the school premises are kept in good repair and will take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of members of our community suffering injury or damage because of the state of the premises.

School staff, parents, carers and students are encouraged to speak to the principal to raise any concerns about risks or hazards at our school, or our duty of care obligations.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Duty of Care](#)

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on **November 2019** and is scheduled for review in **November 2023**.