



montessori school

Duty of Care Policy

1.1 Introduction

Banksia School Community members has a duty to take reasonable care for the welfare and safety of all students in the School's care. This duty includes considering and taking all reasonable action to protect students from harm that can be reasonably predicted. The standard of care that is required of School Community members takes into consideration elements such as the student's ability and their level of maturity.

This duty of care owed to students by all School Community members applies during all activities conducted by the School where a student is in the care of a School Community member. The risk associated with any activity needs to be managed and assessed by the School's Principal and teaching staff before the activity is undertaken. Failure to exercise appropriate duty of care may constitute negligence according to the law.

All School Community members also have a duty to not neglect the welfare of students. Neglect includes either an action or inaction by a Community member who has care responsibilities towards a student which may include: failure to adequately supervise a student; gross inadequate care of a student; failure to protect from abuse and acting recklessly or failure to act. All children have the right to feel safe at school and in the wider community.

1.2 Care before and after School hours

The school opens its doors at 8.45am. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to care for their own children before this time. Young students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian when coming to the school building. Parents and students must leave the school grounds promptly at 12 noon or 3:00 pm. Playing and using playground equipment after school hours is not permitted.

1.3 Child Release Authorisation

Parents/guardians normally pick up their own children from school. However, when this is not possible, the parent/guardian may nominate someone else to pick their child up for them. This can be done by completing the Child Release Authorisation and/or Family Court Orders/Custody arrangements section of the Enrolment Form. Children will not be released into the care of someone other than a parent/guardian or a nominated person.

Duty of Care Policy	
Signed by Chairperson:	Council Approval Date: 7 February 2018
	Council Review Date: February 2021