

# Cann River P-12 College

## DUTY OF CARE POLICY



The purpose of this policy is to explain to our school community the non-delegable duty of care obligations that all staff at Cann River P-12 College owe to our students and members of the school community who visit and use the school premises.

### POLICY

“Duty of Care” is a legal obligation that requires schools to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm, which can include personal injury (physical or psychological) or damage to property. The reasonable steps that our school may decide to take in response to a potential risk or hazard will depend on the circumstances of the risk.

Duty of Care is covered in policies and practices throughout the school including:

- Statement of School Values
- All Child Safety policies
- Emergency Management
- Welfare, Wellbeing and Management,
- Visitor policies
- . Yard duty and Supervision
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions
- First Aid
- Visitors
- Occupational Health and Safety / risk management

Our school acknowledges we are required to have extensive precautions to ensure the safety while the child is under the care, supervision or authority of the organisation.

Our staff are aware that curriculum and other school activities must be considered in regard to the risk elements that may be involved and these are selected with the awareness of, year level, cohort, and individual 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.

## External Providers:

Staff at our school acknowledge that, as our duty of care is non-delegable, we are also required to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm when external providers have been engaged to plan for or conduct an activity involving our students. Our *Visitors Policy* and *Camps and Excursions Policy* include information on the safety and care of our students when engaged with external providers.

Our school also takes steps to ensure student safety when they are engaging in off-site workplace learning programs with external providers, such as when students are participating in work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, structured workplace learning and any other workplace learning program involving external providers. Our School will follow all applicable Department of Education and Training policy and guidelines in relation to off-site learning and will ensure that the safety and welfare of the students engaging in these activities is paramount. The Department's guidelines in relation to Workplace Learning are available at the following link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/structured-workplace-learning/policy>

the Department's Policy and Advisory Library: [Duty of Care](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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