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1. Purpose & Rationale

To ensure school staff understand their supervision and yard duty responsibilities.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Sandringham College, including education support staff, casual relief teachers and visiting teachers.

3. Implementation

Appropriate supervision is an important strategy to monitor student behaviour and enables staff to identify and respond to possible risks at school as they arise. It also plays a vital role in helping schools to discharge their duty of care to students.

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that there is a well organised and responsive system of supervision and yard duty in place during school hours, before and after school, and on school excursions and camps and other school activities.

School staff are responsible for following reasonable and lawful instructions from the Principal, including instructions to provide supervision to students at specific dates, times, and places. Supervision should be undertaken in a way that identifies and mitigates risks to child safety.

3.1. Before and after school

Sandringham College grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.30am until 3.20pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised unless they are attending a before or after school program or supervised co-curricular activity.

VCE students attending a Vocational Education and Training class or completing a VCAA required assessment task via SAC Centre, will be supervised by teachers on site for the period of learning or assessment that occurs before or after the regular hours of supervision 8.30am to 3.20pm.

3.2. Yard duty

All staff at Sandringham College are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the roster.

The College timetable coordinator is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Sandringham College, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

Yard duty zones

The designated yard duty areas for our school (as at Term 4, 2026) are:

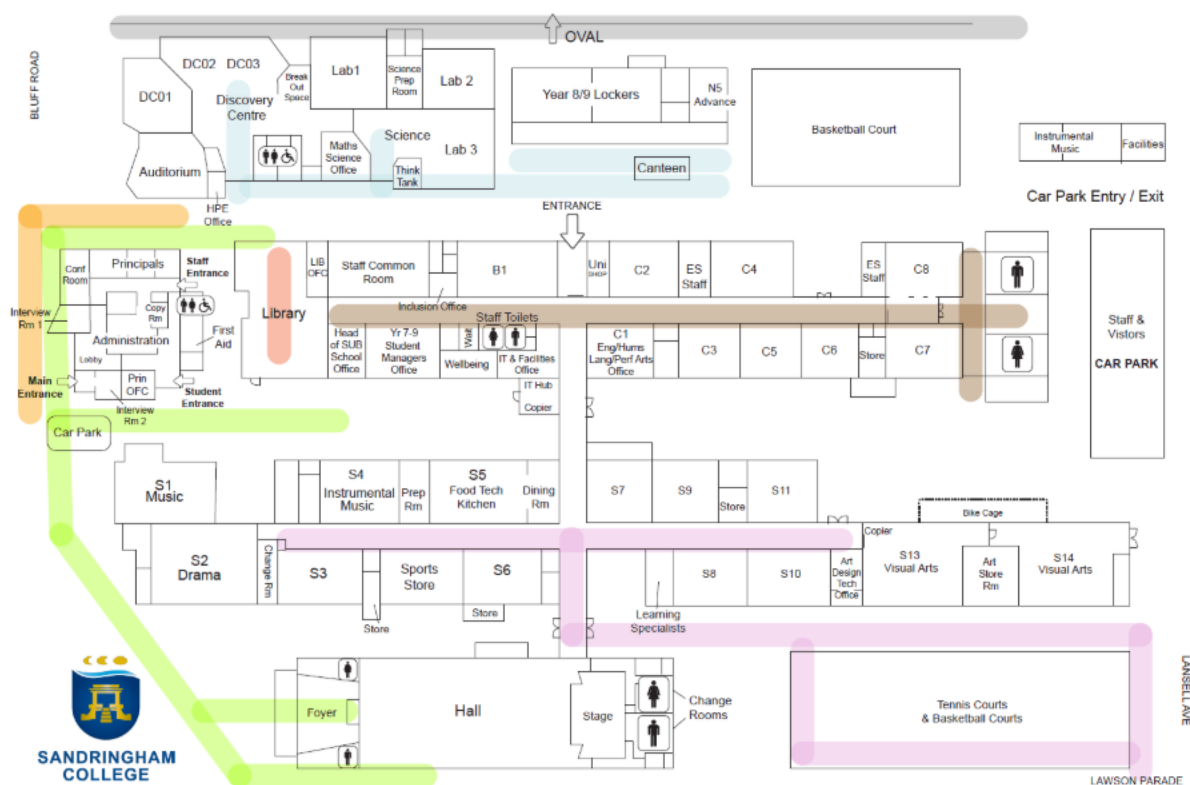
BLUFF ROAD	Key areas to supervise
Oval West	Bluff Road fence line Far side of oval – neighbour fence line Outside doors of innovation centre – ensure locked DCO2 and DC03 – remove students from inside
Oval East	Lansell Avenue fence line Far side of oval – neighbour fence line Behind and around shipping container Carpark
Canteen	Canteen Basketball court
Toilets	Year 8 and 9 toilet entry and exit from outside
Basketball	Lansell Avenue and Lawson Parade fence line Basketball court
Hall/Admin/Discovery Centre and toilets	Lansell Avenue and Bluff Road fence line Discovery Centre toilets and area near lockers
HOLLOWAY ROAD	Key areas to supervise
Area A	Innovation Centre and brick building
Area B – Library	Library (external) Locker bay area
Area C	Canteen Library (external) Theatre foyer
Area D	Indoor Court 1
Area E	Entry way in between CPC and HPC Carpark and fence line
Area F	Oval Holloway Road fenceline Far side of oval – neighbour fence line Behind HPE outdoor store
CROSSING	Key areas to supervise
Bay Road	Near traffic lights
Lansell Avenue	Roundabout on Lansell Avenue

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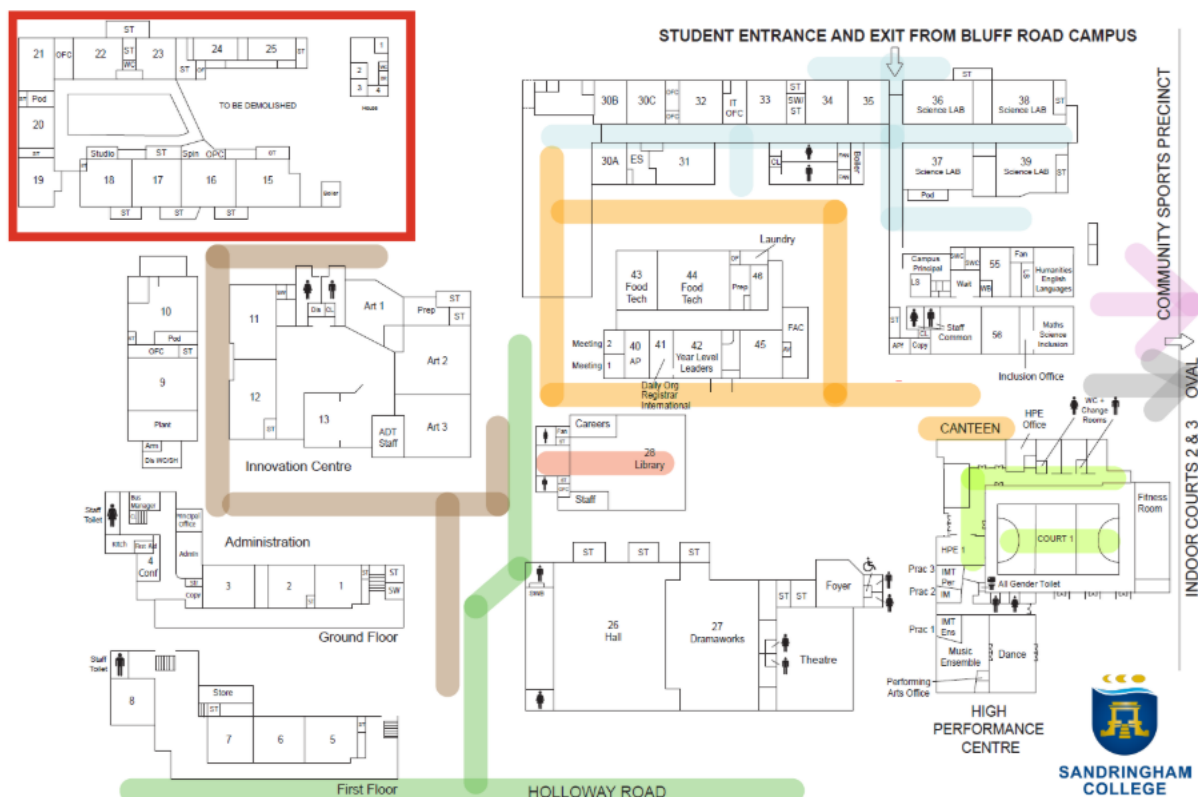
Maps for yard duty

- BFGATE Bluff Front gates
- BCANT Bluff Canteen/Discovery Centre
- BCOURT Bluff Courts/S Corridor
- BHALL Bluff Hall/Administration
- BLIB Bluff Library
- BOVAL Bluff Oval
- BTOIL Bluff Toilets/C Corridor
- HLIB Holloway Library
- HWEST Holloway West/Brick building
- HCENT Holloway Central/YLL building
- HNORT Holloway North/30s corridor/toilets
- HOUT Holloway Netball courts
- HOVAL Holloway Oval
- HHPC Holloway - HPC Inside
- HSUPER Holloway Supervisor - roaming



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Yard duty equipment

School staff must:

- wear a provided safety/hi-vis vest whilst on yard duty. Safety/hi-vis vests for CRTs will be stored with the Daily Organiser and are provided to each individual teacher
- be familiar with the yard duty information pack containing student health and safety information stored
- be familiar with the closest location of first aid equipment to their relevant yard duty zone
- be familiar with students' information – including those with health and safety issues, frequent absconders, parents who pose a serious risk to safety.

Yard duty responsibilities

Staff who are rostered for yard duty must remain in the designated area until they are replaced by a relieving staff member and the designated change over point. During yard duty, supervising school staff must:

- methodically move around the designated zone ensuring active supervision of all students

- ensure students remain in their designated year level zones
- be alert and vigilant
- where safe to do so, approach any unknown visitor who is observed on school grounds without a clear legitimate purpose, and ensure they have a visitor pass and have signed in (excluding drop off and collection periods)
- intervene immediately if potentially dangerous or inappropriate behaviour is observed in the yard
- enforce behavioural standards and implement appropriate consequences for breaches of safety rules, in accordance with any relevant disciplinary measures set out in the school's Student Engagement policy
- ensure that students who require first aid assistance receive it as soon as practicable
- log any incidents or near misses as appropriate. Minor incidents should be logged on COMPASS and major incidents should be reported to the relevant Campus Principal or Head of Sub-School.

If the supervising staff member is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the Daily Organiser with as much notice as possible prior to the relevant yard duty shift to ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

If the supervising staff member needs to leave yard duty during the allocated time, they should contact the Campus Principal but should not leave the designated area until the relieving staff member has arrived in the designated area.

If the relieving staff member does not arrive for yard duty, the staff member currently on duty should contact the Campus Principal and not leave the designated area until a relieving staff member has arrived.

Students will be encouraged to speak to the supervising yard duty staff member if they require assistance during recess or lunchtime.

3.3. Classroom Supervision

The classroom teacher is responsible for the supervision of all students in their care during class.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, he or she should first contact the Campus Principal or Head of Year / Year Level Leader for assistance. The teacher should then wait until a replacement staff member has arrived at the classroom before leaving.

Teachers are responsible for supervising their students during incursions with guest presenters. Visiting presenters do not have the authority to supervise students in schools.

3.4. School activities, camps and excursions

The College Principal and Leadership Team are responsible for ensuring that students are appropriately supervised during all school activities, camps and excursions, including when external providers are engaged to conduct part or all of the activity. Appropriate supervision will be planned for school activities, camps and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved, and will follow the supervision requirements in the Department of Education [Excursions Policy](#).

3.5. Digital devices and virtual classroom

Sandringham College follows the department's [Digital Technologies - Responsible Use policy](#) with respect to supervision of students using digital devices.

Sandringham College will also ensure appropriate supervision of students participating in remote and flexible learning environments while on school site. In these cases, students will be supervised in the school libraries at each campus.

While parents are responsible for the appropriate supervision of students accessing virtual classrooms from home:

- student attendance will be monitored via the classroom teacher
- any wellbeing or safety concerns for the student will be managed in accordance with our usual processes – refer to our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and our Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures for further information.

3.6. Students requiring additional supervision support

Sometimes students will require additional supervision, such as students with disability or other additional needs. In these cases, the Principal or delegate will ensure arrangements are made to roster additional staff as required. This may include on yard duty, in the classroom or during school activities.

3.7. Workplace learning programs

When students are participating in workplace learning programs, such as work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and structured workplace learning, the safety and welfare of the student is paramount. Organising staff are required to follow all applicable Department of Education policies and guidelines in relation to off-site learning, including policy and guidelines on the safety and wellbeing of students. Refer to:

- [Structure Workplace Learning](#)
- [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
- [Work Experience](#)
- [School Community Work](#)

3.8. Independent study

Year 12 students only will have 5 study blocks per week. Students may study in the library or school grounds. Students will not be permitted to leave school grounds during these sessions. Students in the Library (Study Hall) will be supervised by a timetabled Sandringham College staff member (VIT registered teacher).

3.9. Supervision of student in emergency operating environments

In emergency circumstances our school will follow our Emergency Management Plan, including with respect to supervision.

In the event of any mandatory period of remote or flexible learning our School will follow the operations guidance issued by the Department.

3.10. Co-curricular Programs

Students participating in co-curricular programs will be supervised by the staff responsible for the activity. Parents/carers and students will be provided with documentation indicating hours of participation via COMPASS events or email.

4. References

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- [Child Safe Standards](#)
- [Digital Technologies - Responsible Use](#)
- [Duty of Care](#)
- [Excursions](#)
- [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
- [School Community Work](#)
- [Structured Workplace Learning](#)
- [Supervision of Students](#)
- [Visitors in Schools](#)
- [Work Experience](#)

5. Policy Review and Approval

Policy Number	SC-OP-37	Last Approval Date	September 2026
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☐ 1 Year ☒ 2 Years ☐ 3 Years ☐ As Required ☐ n/a	☒ College Website ☐ Student Compass ☐ Parent Compass ☐ Staff Compass ☒ Staff Information Drive ☒ Staff Induction Materials ☐ Enrolment Pack	☐ Annual Staff Meeting ☐ Annual Parent Meeting ☐ Annual Student Meeting ☐ Annual School Assembly ☒ Staff Handbook/Manual ☐ Staff Briefing ☒ Newsletter ☐ Student Enrolment Process ☐ Compass/website	