



Rationale

The Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) has a responsibility to ensure that each DOBCEL School provides a safe learning environment for its students in accordance with Schedule 4, clause 12 of the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017.

The DOBCEL Board and Schools recognise:

- x that it owes all students a duty of care to take reasonable measures to protect them from reasonably foreseeable risks of injury
- x that it owes a duty to take reasonable care that any student on the premises will not be injured or damaged because of the state of the premises, including things done or omitted to be done to the premises
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- x managing the risks associated with the prevention of child abuse by an individual associated with DOBCEL Schools or other DOBCEL workplaces

Definitions

Duty of care is the responsibility that principals and teachers have in relation to their students to

Principles

- x Learning within a safe environment plays an important role in student outcomes and sense of wellbeing.
- x Principal and teachers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of student and others within the school environment.
- x Clear procedures and processes that are consistently applied are important in ensuring high standards of duty of care at all times.
- x 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.
- x Teachers are required to supervise all learning environments; the school grounds, the classroom and excursions online spaces are also considered a learning environment. Therefore as part of that duty, teachers are required to adequately supervise students wh

Key related documents

- x Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Policy and Procedure
- x Safeguarding Children and Young People: Code of Conduct
- x Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- x Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures
- x Digital Technology Policy
- x SunSmart Policy
- x Critical Incident Plan
- x School Emergency Management Plan
- x CECV Child Safety Commitment Statement
- x DET Safety Guidelines for Education Outdoors
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/excursions/Page/s/o_utdoorguidelines.aspx
- x Catholic Education Ballarat