



# Falls Creek 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 Falls Creek Primary School 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.

Our school has developed policies and procedures to manage common risks in the school environment, including:

- Supervision
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions
- First Aid
- Child Safety
- Incursions and External Providers
- Emergency Management
- Volunteers
- Visitors
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Child Protection Reporting

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

DET School Policy and Advisory Guide links:

- [Duty of Care DET Policy](#)

Other school policies (available on the [school website](#)) which are connected with this policy are:

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Acceptable Use for Digital Technology Policy
- Supervision Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Excursion and Camps Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Child Safety Policy
- Incursions and External Providers Policy
- Emergency Management Plan
- Volunteers Policy
- Visitors in School Policy
- Working with Children Check Policy and Procedures
- Child Protection Reporting Policy

## Review

This policy was last updated in June 2018 and is scheduled for review in May 2021.