St James School Playground and Supervision Policy

The supervision of students is an essential element of a school’s duty of care and to provide each child with the security and harmony in keeping with the ethos of a Catholic School.

Aims

To provide each child with the opportunity to enjoy recreation time without encroaching on other’s rights.

Objectives

• To encourage all children to play appropriately
• To ensure children play in correct areas.
• To ensure consumption of food takes place in the appropriate area and disposal of litter is done properly.
• To encourage correct dress particularly hats.
• To promote punctuality of both students and staff when commencing duty or returning to class.
• To ensure children use the Tuckshop facilities in an appropriate way.

Implementation

• Provide suitable equipment for students to use at lunch and recess.

• Ensure students are told which areas they can play in and the correct ways of moving around the school.

• No food should be consumed grass areas. Students with no hat are to play in the shade under the big top. Teachers are encourage/advised to wear a hat when on yard duty.
• Teachers and students vacate classrooms promptly and move to play areas promptly and the same applies at the end of play.

• Supervising teachers are vigilant and aware of the whole physical area of which they are responsible.

• At the conclusion of play supervising teachers ensure all students are moving towards their class. Students are encouraged to clean their hands after using the toilet and drinking.

• Persistent misdemeanours, dangerous play and bullying will result in withdrawal from play. Otherwise a warning is given.

• When purchasing food children should be orderly and well mannered.

• No children should be inside the tuckshop during playtime.

• No children in classrooms at any time unless they are supervised by a teacher. Otherwise teachers are asked to lock their classrooms at lunch and recess times.

• Access to the Library during the second half of lunch but only under the supervision of a teacher.

• There are some children or groups of children whom you need to be aware of in the school yard make sure that when you are walking about the area you are supervising that you have made yourself aware of where these children are playing.

• If it is necessary for a teacher to enter the children’s toilets make sure that you are not alone either ask a colleague to accompany you or some older children. Always announce that you are entering the toilets.