

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:

- Playgrounds are essential pieces of school equipment, providing children with opportunities to develop physical and creative play skills, as well as providing unique experiences for children to develop relationships, friendships and personal awareness.

Aims:

- To provide safe, exciting, challenging and adventurous playgrounds which comply with Australian Standards and DET requirements and which are used in conjunction with **OHS** guidelines.

Implementation:

- We strive to have attractive and exciting playgrounds for our children.
- The development and maintenance of playgrounds is the responsibility of school council.
- Due to potential legal liability issues, all of our new play equipment will be designed, manufactured, installed and tested by professional playgrounds equipment manufacturers, and will comply with the Australian Standards.
- Similarly, soft landing areas that comply with the relevant Standards will be installed and maintained under and around all play equipment.
- A corresponding maintenance schedule for all outside play areas will also be developed, implemented and funded.
- Identified maintenance issues will be prioritised for attention and dated on relevant inspection reports when completed.
- The principal and/or representative will ensure that any unsafe equipment is prevented from being used until it is repaired or removed.
- Regular visual inspections by the Maintenance officer will be carried out in case of vandalism or other damage.
- Children using play equipment during school hours will be supervised at all times.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed at the completion of each tender period, and after any significant playground accident or incident.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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