PURPOSE

The playground policy aims to ensure that students, teaching staff and parents enjoy a safe, clean and enjoyable outdoor environment that adequately caters for children’s play needs.

GUIDELINES

The playground policy is based on the following documents:

- The current code of conduct
- Sun Smart policy
- CHPS yard timetable
- Grade yard duty roster
- Teacher reference materials and texts
- Waste wise policy and references

IMPLEMENTATION

Before school

- Children on the premises prior to 8.30 will sign in to before school care.
- After 8.30 an adult must supervise children.
- At 9.00 students make their way to their classrooms.

During recess and lunch

- All students have equal opportunities to share the facilities of the playground
  - P-2 climbing equipment in Page Street
  - 3-6 climbing equipment in Wellington Street
  - Grade levels will follow the timetable for accessing Gold Street play areas
- Gold Street is the designated area for 2-6 ball games (refer to the timetable)
- Minor ball games may be played in Page and Wellington Streets.
- Minor ball games are permitted on the grassed areas, depending on the health of the surface.
- During Terms 1 and 4 children will wear broad brimmed or legionnaire hats, or will sit in the shade on the steps outside the office.
- Conflict resolution will be consistent with the school code of conduct.
• Students requiring first aid must first see the teacher on yard duty.
• Students requiring further first aid will check the first aid timetable on the first aid room door, then look for the designated staff member in the staff room.
• If a student is seriously hurt, the yard duty teacher will take the student in or the first aid teacher will be sent for.
• Students are aware that they are not allowed out of the school boundaries. Should they wish to collect a ball they will inform the yard duty teacher who will collect the ball or supervise retrieval by the student.
• There will be 3 staff members on duty every recess and lunch. This ratio will be adjusted when year levels are attending camp and excursions.

Lunch
• At 1.00 Prep and Grade 1 students will sit and eat in Page Street, Grade 2 students will sit and eat on the bench area outside the library, Grades 3 and 4 students will sit and eat in Wellington Street, Grade 5 students will sit and eat on the benches near the long jump pit in Gold Street and Grade 6 students will sit and eat on the benches in the Organ Factory grounds.
• One teacher per year level will supervise the eating areas (e.g. a Prep and a Grade 1 teacher in Page Street, etc).
• When the bell goes at 1.20 the children will be dismissed, having tidied their lunch eating area prior to 1.20.
• Children still eating remain in the area with a supervising yard duty teacher, until they are finished. Grade 6 students can move to the main playground areas.
• One year level (from Grades 2-6) will visit the park each day (weather permitting).
• Separate bins will be provided for recyclables, compost and landfill waste.
• When a staff member is at the park the teacher on duty in Gold Street will also be responsible for Page Street.
• When the bell goes at 1.20 the grade responsible for the waste wise bins will empty and clean the relevant bins (refer to the Waste Wise policy).

After 3.30
• Students are aware they must not leave the boundaries of the school unless supervised or under instructions from their parents or guardians.
• An adult must supervise any children playing on any play equipment.

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