



Mount Pritchard Public School

Deeds Not Words

Playground Behaviour Policy updated 2017

The members of Mt Pritchard Public School community will adopt a responsible attitude toward playground behaviour, which reflects the needs of the students and ensures a safe and protective environment for students, staff and community members to work and play in. The staff have worked together to collaboratively plan a whole school approach to discipline.

AIMS

By adopting this approach we will aim to ensure:

- a code of behaviour which is accepted;
- a safe environment for all;
- that a high standard of student welfare is attained;
- that the school rules are reinforced
 1. Be Safe
 2. Be Respectful
 3. Be responsible
 4. Be a Learner

This will be achieved through:

- All teachers' commitment to and consistency in the following practices and procedures as outlined below
- Students receiving positive feedback when demonstrating appropriate behaviour.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Students will be responsible for:

- cooperating with others and sharing in the playground;
- taking care when moving about and for looking after equipment;
- speaking and listening in a kind, polite and respectful manner;
- playing safe games in safe areas of the school.

Teachers will be responsible for:

- being prompt when reporting for duty;
- maintaining a positive approach;
- stopping dangerous games;
- keeping students in bounds;
- keeping mobile and alert whilst on duty;
- informing playground coordinator of any changes to duty;
- encouraging students to keep our playground tidy;
- speaking to students in an appropriate manner.

ORGANISATION AND BELL TIMES – Normal Day/ Fine Weather

Monday mornings, students will proceed to the Top quad at the 8:55 bell for a whole school assembly. In wet weather, students will go straight to their classroom.

8:30 Morning Duty commences

Students move from the seated areas at the bottom quad to the Top or Bottom playground (depending on where their class lines up).

8:55 Teachers and students proceed to classrooms.

11.00 Students eat their lunch sitting down supervised by their teacher (inside or outside).

11:10 lunch bell rings and students may play in their allocated areas when they have finished eating:

Top Quad: K-2, Bottom Quad: 3-6, Side field: 3-6, Basketball Court: K-6, Infants field: K-2

Students may proceed to the Library (Mon-Wed). Students may go to the canteen.

11:35 Music plays and students begin to move to the toilet and then to their lines.

11:40 Teachers and students proceed to their classroom.

1:40 Students sit down in covered areas and eat their recess. Students may go straight to the canteen and come back to the covered area to eat. They are to play in the quad area closest to their classroom. Students play when the supervising teacher allows them to go after eating.

2.05 Music plays and students begin to move to the toilet and then to their lines.

2.10 Teachers and students proceed to their classroom.

2:55 Gate duty supervised by Executive.

SCHOOL ROUTINE DURING WET WEATHER

NEEDS

The nature of the playground surfaces, during and after wet weather makes it necessary to provide alternative play areas for our students.

RATIONALE

The provision of alternative areas in times of wet weather will be achieved by:

- in-class supervision in the event of all areas being unsuitable for use; and
- relocation of students' play areas and teacher duties when concrete areas can be utilised.

AIMS

To provide a workable system for provision for student welfare through playground supervision during and after wet weather.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers will:

- be responsible for class supervision during wet weather; and
- take on additional duties when relocation of student play areas is necessary.

Students will:

- remain in classroom during wet weather;
- adopt appropriate behaviours during in-class lunch/recess times;
- remain on concrete play areas as allocated; and
- adopt appropriate behaviours for playing on 'concrete' areas.

PROCEDURES

One central decision will determine wet weather routine. Decision to be made by the principal or AP's closest to the office/phone.

WET WEATHER – Indoors

All teachers (including executive) are responsible for the supervision of classes during wet weather.

Teachers and students will remain in the classrooms to eat and play. Students will be supervised by a teacher (each teacher has a designated buddy and will share half the duty time). Students may go to the toilet and canteen on request. Canteen duty will be covered as per Wet Weather roster.

NB – once Wet Weather has been called, the procedures will remain in place for the whole recess or lunch period.

If students are permitted to go outside but the field is closed, the following changes will occur to the duty roster:

- Lunch – Side Field will move to Bottom Quad (supervise toilet area as well). Infants Field will move to Top Quad and supervise Canteen).
- Recess – all students remain on quad areas and teachers supervise as usual.

PLAYGROUND AREAS AND RULES

- **Signs have been placed in all areas of the school to remind students of the acceptable behaviour in each area aligned to school rules.**
- No hat, no play (students must remain in shaded areas)
- Canvas shoes with no support equals no play
- Students are not to play/run etc with school bags on their backs.
- Students are not to ride any bikes, scooters or skateboards in the playground.
- No student is allowed in staff car park areas.

TOP AND BOTTOM QUAD

- Handball only in quads using tennis balls (no big balls).
- No kicking or throwing balls in quads.
- No running in quad areas.
- Students must sit while eating.

SIDE, TOP AND BOTTOM FIELD AND BASKETBALL COURT

- Large balls can be used (no tackle football)
- Other equipment provided by the sports committee may be used.

At all times, teachers are to use their professional judgment when allowing games to continue.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR AND LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES

Playground Responsibilities

We, at Mt Pritchard, are responsible for:

- cooperating with others and sharing the playground;
- taking care when moving about and for looking after equipment;
- speaking and listening in a kind, polite and respectful manner;
- being kind to all living things and playing friendly games;
- playing safe games in safe areas of the school.

Therefore, every student will:

- be helpful and cooperative;
- obey teacher/staff instructions;
- follow rules of games and play responsibly;
- stay in defined playground areas;
- be a polite speaker and listener and use appropriate language;
- not physically or verbally abuse others;
- not leave the playground without permission;
- not bring dangerous toys to school (bats, toy knives, guns etc);
- not enter a classroom/hallway without teacher permission;
- line up quickly and quietly.

CONSEQUENCES ON THE PLAYGROUND

- Teachers on duty will deal with minor behaviours using appropriate levels of restitution for that behaviour.
- More severe behaviours are reported to the stage supervisor in the office.
- The Discipline Policy is followed. Behaviours are recorded on Sentral.
- Parents are notified by the classroom teacher or stage supervisor when it is necessary.