



SADDLEWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND SAFETY POLICY

Values: Quality Relationships, Diversity, Achievement, Security, Enjoyment

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students are safe in the playground at all times.

The values at Saddleworth Primary School are evident in action when students play safely in the playground, demonstrating respectful relationships.

A Safety Officer Roster is in place to ensure a teacher is in the playground during Recess and Lunch times to ensure the playground is a safe and happy place to be for all students.

Hats: The daily UV rating is noted in the morning by the principal, and the rating displayed on the image of the school hat in the staff room window. In line with the school's Sun Smart Policy, when the UV rating is 3 or higher, students are required to wear a hat. Students without a hat are required to play under the JP or MP verandas.

Nature Play: The bottom paddock is available for nature play at lunchtimes when a teacher offers to accompany students through the gate and supervise play. Students will be notified of access to the bottom paddock through a sign placed in the staff room window. In the bottom paddock, cones are placed around areas of concern eg fencing wire, to warn students away from these areas. Students are free to play on the school side of the creek. Going down into the creek is unsafe.

Asphalt Area: This area is not suitable for kicking balls.

Out of Bounds: Students may not play in front of the school, in the MP vegetable garden area or beyond the fence line of the school and may not be in classrooms during Recess and Lunch times. Students need to be signed out by a parent in order to leave the school grounds during school hours.

Eating Time: A dedicated eating time is supervised by teachers. Students need to remain seated in their allocated class area during this time. Eating in Asphalt Area is in order to limit rubbish in the playground.

Extreme Weather: School leadership will activate the Extreme Weather Policy on days that are raining and when it is over 35°C degrees. All students will eat their lunch as per normal routines. All students will then play in either the UP classroom or the Library. Normal Safety Officer Roster applies. Additional supervision will be allocated on the day depending upon availability of staff. Refer to Extreme Weather Policy.

The school is kept safe when everyone puts rubbish in the bin, returns sports equipment to the storage shed and respectfully cares for property.

Quality relationships are evidenced by students speaking respectfully to others. Swearing, teasing and fighting will not be tolerated.

Consequences for inappropriate playground behaviour are as per Personal Responsibility Policy.