

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT POLICY

*The Currajong School takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures, and practices meet all **Child Safe Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 1359 (2022)***

RATIONALE

The Currajong School's playgrounds provide 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. The selection of fixed playground equipment is an important function for the school community.

AIMS

To provide safe, exciting, challenging and adventurous playgrounds which comply with Australian Standards.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Currajong School strives to have attractive and exciting playgrounds for our children
- The development and maintenance of playgrounds is the responsibility of the Principal
- Due to potential legal liability issues, all of our new play equipment will be designed, manufactured, installed and tested by professional playground equipment manufacturers, and will comply with Australian Standards
- Similarly, soft landing areas that comply with the relevant standards will be installed and maintained under and around all play equipment
- The Currajong School maintenance plan will include regular formal inspections and maintain full documentation and storage of all inspection reports associated with these
- Identified maintenance issues will be prioritised for attention and dated on the relevant inspection report when completed
- The Principal will ensure that any unsafe equipment is prevented from being used until it is repaired, replaced or removed
- Weekly visual inspections by staff 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 as per our three-year review cycle or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

Approval date:	Approved by:	Next review:
October 2021	School Board	October 2024



The Currajong School acknowledges the traditional owners of this country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.