

PLAY AREAS AND SAFETY AT PNPS

With so many lovely areas for students to access for playing and exploring at our school, it is timely to remind everyone of which areas can be used at various times before, during and after the school day. Students' safety is of utmost priority at these times and as such students are not to ride scooters, skateboards and bikes around the school grounds both before and after school. Bikes must be walked into the school grounds and locked up in the bike shed. The bike shed is opened by one of our staff on duty in the mornings after 8:30am.

School yard supervision commences at 8:30am before school. **Students are not to be on school grounds before this time. Please access our OSHC Service if you are not able to get your child to school after 8:30am.** One of our Leadership team is out in the school grounds each morning from 8:30am opening toilets and gates along with supervising students.

The Natural Play area is 'out of bounds' before school. This decision was based on the number of incidents involving sticks and perceived 'territory' at the start of the school day.

The playground is also an 'out of bounds' area before school. Students have had this explained to them and will be asked to move out of each of these areas if they are there in the mornings. We encourage students to use the Memorial Garden for sitting quietly before school, the 'Forest' (the large tree area adjacent to the Memorial Garden), the sandpit and auditorium areas whilst waiting for their class to open. The school siren will sound at 8:50am when all students should be at their classroom ready to start the school day. Students arriving at school after 8:50am must be signed in at the front office.

The school day finishes at 3:15pm and on Tuesdays at 2:25pm. Staff are on duty for 15 minutes after the end of the school day. If you and your child are spending time at school after the end of the day, we ask that you please leave the grounds by 4:00pm. Our OSHC Service uses the gymnasium, playground, natural play areas and the oval at this time. During the winter months when out of hours sports are using the oval for practice, OSHC will not use the oval.

Police Security patrol our school both before and after school hours. We have recently had a number of vandalism incidents occur after hours, including multiple broken windows and extensive damage to the shade sails over the playground. If your child is on the school grounds unsupervised then their name will be forwarded to police.

Please help us keep your child safe by supporting our staff with these areas of concern and especially by adhering to the areas that are out of bounds.

