



Lawrence Area School Playground Safety Policy

Rationale

To create developmentally appropriate playground challenges within the guidelines of safety standards.

Purpose

1. To offer a range of activities promoting the use of a variety of skills during play.
2. To enhance the principles of playground safety taught in the classroom and to help staff and students to identify hazards and their related injury potential.
3. To comply with NZS 5828 (Safety Standards for Playgrounds) thereby minimising frequency and severity of playground injuries.
4. To allow better communication amongst staff, BOT and parents to promote awareness of the playground environment.

Guidelines

1. Pupils will be encouraged to look after one another in the playgrounds, resolve conflict in a socially acceptable way and seek teachers' assistance when needed.
2. Good staff supervision of play will be provided which includes observation of play behaviour, pointing out potential dangers and assisting and guiding the play process.
3. A regular maintenance schedule will be adopted and documented so that problems can be identified and action taken to correct them. This will be the responsibility of the school caretaker in conjunction with BOT, Health & Safety Committee where necessary.
4. A yearly maintenance budget will be prepared.
5. Input on playground development and use will be encouraged from Principal, teachers, staff, pupils and parents.
6. Upgrading will be carried out as appropriate.

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