

Supervision & Inspection – Expectations on College Grounds Policy

The Hazard – College Grounds Accidents

Serious injuries from accidents on the college grounds can occur from inadequate supervision, inappropriate games, lack of maintenance of equipment, overcrowded areas and contamination from dangerous items such as broken glass and syringes. Each hazard has the capacity to pose a risk to the safety of students.

Thomas Carr College's Policy

Thomas Carr College is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students.

It is our policy that:

- College grounds are regularly inspected for potential safety hazards and suitably maintained;
- College grounds are supervised by staff during recess and lunch, with limited supervision immediately before and after school;
- First aid facilities are readily available at all times;
- Student injuries and any near misses are recorded and notified to the College Nurse; and
- All users of college grounds adhere to the TCC Community Expectations 2018

Inspections & Maintenance

The college has implemented the following preventative measures to minimise the risk of college grounds accidents and injuries:

- Risks associated with college grounds accidents are regularly assessed;
- Regular college grounds inspections are undertaken utilising the college's Safety Inspection of College Grounds checklist each term;
- Any dangerous items such as broken glass or syringes are promptly removed; and
- College grounds furniture and equipment is properly maintained.

Related Safety Policies

The college has also developed a set of related safety policies that may be applicable to incidents and/or accidents that occur in College grounds. A list of these related policies is provided at the end of this policy.

College Grounds Supervision

College grounds activities before and after college, during recess and lunch are supervised by teaching staff to minimise the risks of college grounds accidents and injuries.

First Aid

In the event an accident occurs and a student is injured, supervising staff should follow the procedures as set out in our First Aid Policy.

Staff Responsibility

All staff are responsible to:

- Be diligent and attentive when on yard duty;
- Enforce college rules consistently, fairly and equitably; and
- Respond appropriately to any college grounds incidents, accidents or injuries.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Risk assessments;
- College grounds inspections;
- Staff and student training;
- Effective college grounds supervision;
- Effective communication and incident notification procedures;
- The availability of first aid facilities;
- Effective record keeping procedures; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

Related Policies

Accident Management
Anaphylactic Shock Management Policy
Asthma Management Policy
Bites & Stings Policy
Broken Glass Policy
Bullying Prevention & Intervention Policy
Code of Behaviour
Critical Incident (Emergency Situations) Response Policy
First Aid Policy
Heat Stress Policy
Medical Health Care Plans (High Risk Students) Policy
Medical Records (Student) Policy
Needles & Syringes Policy
Sun Protection (Students) Policy

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