



# GROUNDS MAINTENANCE POLICY

## **Rationale:**

- The appeal and safety of the school environment is significantly enhanced by attractive, well maintained gardens, sealed areas free of litter, leaves and similar items, trees that are safe but provide aesthetic appeal and well maintained play equipment.

## **Aims:**

- To provide a safe and attractive school facilities, gardens, play equipment and grounds for all to enjoy.

## **Implementation:**

- The overall management and safety of the school's grounds and gardens will be managed by the school maintenance person in consultation with an identified member of the school leadership team.
- A school maintenance person will be responsible for the identification and removal or repair of potential hazards.
- The school's grounds will feature attractive plants that are non-allergenic, safe for small students, low maintenance and drought tolerant. Where trees exist in the grounds, a current tree audit will be maintained to ensure they are unlikely to pose a safety risk.
- The grounds will be kept in a tidy and attractive state through regular leaf and rubbish removal from sealed surfaces, weed removal from gardens, pruning of flora where appropriate and other cleaning/beautification works as identified.
- The school house system will be used to encourage volunteers to assist with grounds cleanliness.
- All play equipment will comply with safety regulations and be well maintained at all times.
- The student toilets will be kept clean and hygienic throughout the day. Each toilet will have provision for hand cleaning and hand drying.

## **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

- This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2018.