



# Duty of Care policy

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to explain to our school community the non-delegable duty of care obligations that all staff at Bendigo Senior Secondary College owe to our students and members of the school community who visit and use the school premises.

## Policy

“Duty of care” is a legal obligation that requires schools to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm, which can include personal injury (physical or psychological) or damage to property. The reasonable steps that our school may decide to take in response to a potential risk or hazard will depend on the circumstances of the risk.

Staff at Bendigo Senior Secondary College are aware that our college has:

- a duty of care owed to students to take reasonable measures to protect them from risks of injury that should have been reasonably foreseen
- a legal obligation to take reasonable care that any students (and other person) on the school premises will not be injured or damaged by reason of the state of the premises or of things done or should have been done on the premises
- an understanding that greater measures may need to be taken for students with a disability.

Our college has developed policies and procedures to manage common risks in the school environment, including:

- Yard duty and Supervision
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions
- First Aid
- External Providers (including RTOS delivering VET/VCAL)
- Emergency Management
- Child Safe Standards
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Mandatory Reporting
- Volunteers and Visitors
- Occupational Health and Safety

Dated: June 2018

Person Responsible: Student Wellbeing Manager

Endorsed by College Council: N/A

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School staff, parents, carers and students are encouraged to speak to the principal to raise any concerns about risks or hazards at our school, or our duty of care obligations.

### Further Information

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Duty of Care](#)

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