

BASKETBALL RINGS

POLICY

Rationale:

- Basketball rings are common and essential pieces of school playground equipment, providing students with opportunities to develop physical and sporting skills. At the same time, they need to be well constructed and well maintained to maximise their longevity and to ensure their safety.

Aims:

- To provide safe and well maintained basketball rings which comply with Australian Standards and Department of Education requirements.

Implementation:

- We strive to have exciting and safe sporting equipment for our students.
- The development and maintenance of playgrounds is the responsibility of school council.
- School Council will form a 'Playgrounds Sub-committee', which will coordinate duties in relation to playgrounds and equipment including fund raising, installation and maintenance.
- Due to potential legal liability issues, all of our new play and sporting equipment will be designed, manufactured, installed and tested by professional playgrounds equipment manufacturers, and will comply with the Australian Standards.
- A corresponding maintenance plan for all outside play areas and sporting equipment will be developed, implemented and funded by School Council, and will be the responsibility of the Playgrounds Sub-committee.
- As a result of previous injuries and accidents associated with poorly installed, poorly manufactured or poorly maintained basketball backboards and rings in other settings, a maintenance and inspection plan will be implemented.
- A maintenance regime, including regular *Basketball Ring Inspections* will be strictly adhered to, and any identified areas of concern will be addressed as a matter of urgency.
- Identified maintenance issues will be prioritised for attention and dated on the relevant inspection report when completed.
- The principal will ensure that any unsafe equipment is prevented from being used until it is repaired, replaced or removed.
- Weekly visual inspections by grounds staff will be carried out in case of vandalism or damage.
- Signs warning people not to hang on the basketball rings will be clearly displayed on the basketball backboards.
- As the basketball courts are likely to be used by members of the community during vacation periods, equipment checks will be carried out before and after each vacation period.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed every three years, or after any basketball rings related playground accident or incident.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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