

Supervision and safety

In general, the expectations for supervision and student safety that apply in your school also apply at Arbury Park Outdoor School. There are, however, some special considerations relating to care of the school environment and safety in the outdoors.

Supervision of students during ‘free time’

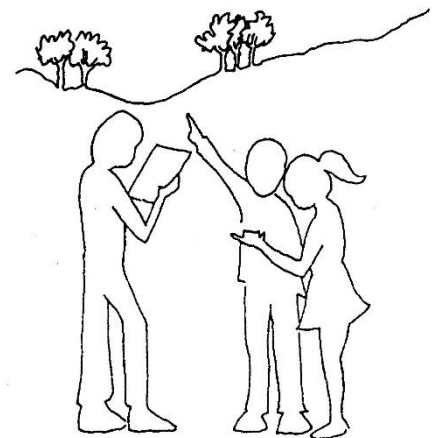
The site leader and teacher-in-charge of a camp or excursion must determine the level of supervision required to support all children and young people’s safety and wellbeing, and ensure that it is maintained for the entire duration of the camp or excursion. (Camps and Excursions Procedure, 2022).

You may choose to program times for your students to ‘explore’ or have ‘free time’. These times are valuable opportunities for students to have a degree of freedom with their peers, and to discover some of the special places in our school grounds. Supervision during these times may be indirect but must follow the guidelines below.

- All free/exploring time for students, must be supervised. Direct supervision is required in the gym and for students who are likely to become ‘boisterous’ when playing with sticks.
- In free/exploring time students are to be in groups of four or more.
- Areas for free/exploring time needs to be clearly defined for students by their teachers and will reflect age level of students involved.
- Visiting staff should only permit free/exploring time in places that they can supervise using a yard duty style roster. Your Arbury Park coordinator can assist staff in defining suitable areas, for example:
 - dormitories or seats outside dormitories
 - playground, including the nature play area (normal playground rules apply: play safely, play fairly, share equipment, solve problems peacefully)
 - tennis court and/or gymnasium (adult supervision at all times)
 - within sight of the buildings
 - magic forest and pond 2.

Reporting accidents, illnesses and ‘lost’ students

Arbury Park Outdoor School has policies and procedures for dealing with incidents as they arise. Most are minor in nature and easily dealt with. With more serious accidents and ‘lost or runaway’ students it is important to let Arbury Park staff know immediately; their local knowledge and procedures will help bring a more speedy response.



Safety

The safety guidelines below are described to all students as part of their welcome to camp on day one. The four ‘S’ s:

- **Slow down** Arbury Park has steep hills, slippery logs and exposed roots and rocks. Be careful.
- **SunSmart** Wear a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, protective clothing and stay in the shade where possible (terms 1 ,3 & 4) and when the UV radiation is 3 and above.
- **Stingers** Hopper ants are 1cm long with orange mouth parts. Beware, they sting.
- **Snakes** Yes, they do live here. Don’t try to touch them. Walk away and report any sightings to APOS staff. If bitten stay very still and send for help.