



## Tree Climbing Policy

### **Aims**

- A. Kerry Street Community School considers tree climbing to be an important part of child development.
- B. We see the benefits of tree climbing as:
  - providing good exercise.
  - providing opportunities to connect with nature.
  - supporting sensory development.
  - developing self-awareness of safety.

### **Scope and Application**

This policy is available on the school website and applies to:

- A. Employees
- B. Students
- C. Community members
- D. Arbourists

### **Principles**

- A. Students will be educated on self-assessing risk when climbing trees.
- B. Trees will only be climbed by students during active supervision sessions such as break times.
- C. Safety will be prioritised through maintenance.

### **Responsibilities**

- A. **Board**
  - 1. Writing and updating this policy in consultation with relevant parties.
- B. **Principal**
  - 1. Oversee implementation of this policy.
  - 2. Oversee tree maintenance program, and the scheduling of professional arbourists to conduct tree inspections.



**C. Admin**

1. Schedule regular tree inspections by professional arbourist.

**D. Teachers**

1. Be familiar with the requirements of this policy.
2. Educate students on tree-climbing safety (see Tree Climbing Procedures).
3. Supervise students' tree climbing.

**E. Parents/adult members of the school community**

1. Report any concerns to teacher/Principal.

**F. Students**

1. Use safe practices when tree-climbing (see Tree Climbing Procedures).

## **Related Kerry Street documentation**

**A. Kerry Street procedures, including:**

1. Tree climbing procedure

**B. Kerry Street policies, including:**

1. Duty of Care policy
2. Excursion policy

## **Contact Person**

Enquires relating to this policy should be directed to the School Principal or Chair of the School Board.

## **Breaches of this Policy**

Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of contract.

## **Authorisation and Review**

- A. This policy established Aug 2012
- B. Passed by council 2012
- C. Reviewed June 2018

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## Revision History

<b>Date</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Detail</b>
June 2018	V2	Policy reviewed, procedures separated from policy