Glenroy Central Primary School **DUTY OF CARE POLICY**	**Reviewed: February 2026** **Review: February 2030**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on 93064144.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline where our school community can find the specific duty of care obligations that all staff at Glenroy Central Primary School owe to our students and members of the school community who visit and use the school premises.

Implementation

"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.

Our school acknowledges we are required to take reasonable precautions to prevent the abuse of a child by an individual associated with the organisation while the child is under the care, supervision or authority of the organisation.
Staff at our school understand that school activities involve different levels of risk and that particular care may need to be taken to support younger students or students with additional needs. Our school also understands that it is responsible for ensuring that the school premises are kept in good repair and will take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of members of our community suffering injury or damage because of the state of the premises.
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.

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

- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions
- Child Safe Standards
- Emergency Management
- First Aid
- Mandatory Reporting
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Volunteers
- Visitors
- Working with Children and Suitability Checks
- Yard duty and Supervision

External Providers

Staff at our school acknowledge that, as our duty of care is non-delegable, we are also required to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm when external providers have been engaged to plan for or conduct an activity involving our students. Our Visitors Policy and Camps and Excursions Policy include information on the safety and care of our students when engaged with external providers.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Provided to staff at induction and included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- Made available publicly on our school website
- Included as a link in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Further information and Resources

- The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL): Duty of Care

Evaluation:

This policy has been endorsed by the Principal and will be reviewed every 3-4 years as part of the school's policy review cycle.