1. **RATIONALE**
Playgrounds are essential areas of open space and pieces of school equipment, providing children with opportunities to develop physical and creative play skills, as well as providing unique experiences for children to develop relationships, friendships and personal awareness.

2. **AIM**
To provide safe, exciting, challenging and adventurous playgrounds which comply with Australian Standards and Department of Education requirements.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**
   i. **Playground Pules and Procedures**
   a. **Before school (8.30am - 9.00am)**
      - Children to assemble outside Year 1 before 8.30am. No ball games, sitting on railings or other games are permitted.
      - The teacher on morning duty will also place flags out on Northcote Avenue prior to 8.30am.
      - The teacher on duty will direct the children to the concrete area at 8.30am. The toilets and sports shed will be unlocked by the teacher.
      - The children must remain on the concrete area. No child should be on the play equipment or on the field.
      - On arrival to school, children are to place their bags outside their classrooms and move immediately to the concrete area if the teacher on morning duty is already on the concrete area.
      - Music will be played at 9.00am. Children and teachers will move to the shelter area for the morning assembly.
      - The teacher on duty will lead the school in prayer, distribute birthday cards and give any relevant messages to the school community.
      - At the conclusion of the assembly classes will move with their teachers to classrooms.
   b. **Lunch time**
      - All children are to remain seated until 11.30am and are requested to sit outside their classrooms on the silver benches under the shelter of the verandas.
      - When dismissed by the two teachers on duty, children walk to their chosen play area. Children are to ask permission to play on the fixed equipment.
      - All children are to wear their school hats. If a child does not have their school hat, they must play in the shaded area.
      - The change of duty for teachers is 11.45am.
      - A bell will ring at 12.10pm to indicate that lunch time is over.
      - The children assemble under the COLA and wait quietly for their teacher.
      - Classes will move with their teachers to classrooms.
      - In the event of wet weather, students remain in classrooms with connecting doors open. Teachers share the supervision.
c. **Afternoon Recess**
   - All children can move straight to their play area.
   - Children who need to eat food will do so sitting down in the COLA. No food is to be consumed on the grass.
   - All children are to wear their school hats. If a child does not have their school hat, they must play in the shaded area.
   - The children are encouraged to use the toilets during afternoon tea, not when the first assembly bell rings.
   - Bell rings at 1.55pm.
   - All children are to line up in their class lines.
   - Classes will move with their teachers to classrooms.
   - In the event of wet weather, students remain in classrooms with connecting doors open. Teachers share the supervision.

d. **Afternoon Dismissal**
   - The bell will ring at 2.55pm. All children and teachers are to move directly to their appropriate dismissal lines under the COLA - Bikes, Walkers, 799 bus, Green Shed, K-6 pickup lines and Bus 748.
   - Teachers to supervise their duty lines according to duty roster.
   - Teachers will escort their dismissal lines to the appropriate areas.

e. **Wet weather dismissal**
   As for afternoon dismissal.

4. **BUDGET**
   Funds will be provided from the school budget to ensure the playground is maintained in a safe way.

5. **EVALUATION**
   This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.