Rationale:

- Adequate supervision of students in the school yard is a requirement of the school’s duty of care.

Aim:

- To provide adequate and appropriate supervision of students in the school yard.

Implementation:

- Supervision of students is the responsibility of all staff.
- A roster system will be used to time-table staff members for on site supervision.
- On site / yard supervision will include before school, recess and lunch breaks, and after school.
- Parents will be informed regularly via the newsletter that staff members are not rostered to take yard duty until 8:45am each morning. Parents are discouraged from sending their children to school before this time unless access to Out Of Hours Care is arranged.
- Parents will also be informed via the newsletter that staff members will not be rostered to undertake yard supervision after 3.30 pm each day. Parents are required to make sure that their children have been collected or have left the school grounds by this time. Students still in or about the school yard after that time will be brought to the school office by the supervising teacher and parents contacted.
- The yard supervision roster will require staff members to undertake yard duty before school, or at recess, or for half of lunch-time, or before or after school on specific days.
- On the Primary Campus, before and after school yard duty is performed at the external gates.
- The Timetable person will be responsible for coordinating the roster, and for negotiating specific duty times or days with individual staff members.
- The roster will require a minimum of three staff members on duty at any one time, each responsible for supervising a designated area of the school.
- Yard duty staff members will be provided with a bum bag containing basic first aid supplies, and a fluorescent vest to aid visibility.
- Yard duty staff members are required to keep a record of individual student behaviour should it require any follow up procedure on the Sentral program.
- Casual Relief Teachers will be responsible for the yard duty responsibilities of staff members they are replacing.
- Staff members who are aware that they cannot fulfil their yard duty obligations due to appointments or excursions etc are required to contact the Daily Organiser to either make a swap with another staff member, or discuss the matter.
- Staff will be required to wear hats during Term 1 and 4 on the Primary Campus.
- Staff on yard supervision must approach intruders or unknown people in the yard to ensure they have a visitor pass.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review process.

This policy was ratified at School Council on 22/10/2019.
The Lakes South Morang College Child Safety Statement:
To thrive, children need a safe and supportive environment at school, at home and in the broader community; no exceptions. At The Lakes South Morang College, we believe meeting the physical and emotional needs of our students is paramount in laying the foundations for a fulfilling future. We pledge to provide an environment that has zero tolerance to child abuse and will strive to work in partnership with our parents and community members to keep our students safe every day, in every way.