



Teesdale Primary School acknowledges that some members of the community enter school grounds outside of school hours to use the grounds and outdoor sporting facilities. Outdoor play is **good for children's physical health, development and wellbeing** and our school would like to continue to support members of the community who seek to use our grounds for this purpose.

However, on occasion, the school grounds and property have been damaged by persons entering the school outside of school hours. This can be disruptive to our staff and students, and costly for the school. It may also be a criminal offence.

Victorian government schools are not public places and principals have the authority to permit or deny entry to school grounds under the Summary Offences Act 1966 (Vic) and Ministerial Order 1388.

In order to continue to permit the safe and respectful use of school grounds and facilities outside of school hours, entry during these times is based on the following conditions:

- Any child or young person who attends the school outside of school hours, including on the weekend, must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or carer
- visitors must respect school property
- visitors must take any litter or other personal property with them when they leave the school grounds
- visitors must not enter any school buildings unless they have express permission from the principal
- visitors must not use any school facility that shows obvious signs of damage and must report the damage to the principal as soon as possible.

Visitors to Teesdale Primary School who breach these conditions of entry will be trespassing.

Visitors are encouraged to support Teesdale Primary School by reporting any suspicious activities to Victoria Police and the principal, and any damage to school property to the principal as soon as possible.

CCTV cameras are in use at Teesdale Primary School and footage may be supplied to the police in the event of property damage or instances of unacceptable behaviour by visitors to the school grounds.

## Review and approval

Policy last reviewed	March 2026
Approved by	Principal and School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2028

This policy will be updated every 2 or earlier if required following any incident or concerns about the use of school grounds by members of the community.