

Drone Policy

Responsibility Learning Specialist

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Help for non-English speakers

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Rationale	Drones (also commonly known as remotely piloted aircraft) can be used in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs and other curriculum areas to provide students with hand-on learning experiences.
Aims	The aim of this policy is to ensure that Wooranna Park Primary School complies with the Department of Education (DE) Drone Policy and guidelines and Civil Aviation Safety Authority CASA regulations.
Guidelines for Implementation	<p>The Department's <i>Drone Policy</i> sets out the rules that apply to drone use on school grounds depending on who is using the drone and why the drone is being used in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rules that apply to drone use on school grounds.• The requirement for direct supervision of students under 16 years of age when operating a drone on school grounds.• Who can operate drones on school grounds for recreational and educational purposes.• The permitted use of drones in schools for commercial purposes (such as creating promotional footage for the school).• Restrictions on members of the public operating drones within or above school grounds without principal permission.• The requirement for schools to obtain consent from parents or carers before collecting or using photographs or film images of students captured during drone operation.• Responding to safety incidents including those not considered an emergency.
Registration and Accreditation	From 1 July 2023, registration and accreditation requirements will apply to drones weighing more than 250 grams that are used for recreational and educational purposes.
Related Documents	<p>Related policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intellectual Property and Copyright• Managing and Reporting School Incidents (including emergencies)• Photographing, Filming and Recording of Students• Supervision of Students <p>Relevant legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Aviation Safety Regulations Part 101• Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)• Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)