

PLAYGROUND DUTY

The issue of playground duty before and after school hours remains a contentious issue between the Union and the Department. The AEU position is as follows:

- **Members** in all schools and colleges may be required to perform playground duty. The time, place and duration of duty shall be determined by the principal with the agreement of the majority of members of the Sub-Branch. Where agreement cannot be reached by this procedure, the AEU representative should contact the Union office. In particular, the AEU position is that rostered playground duty in the period before lessons commence is not necessary and that students should be informed of the time at which they are permitted to be on school grounds and the staff member/s to contact within the school premises in the event of an emergency.
- **Teachers** working across two schools do playground duty in proportion to the amount of time in each school and the number of duties carried out by other teachers in those schools.
- **Teacher Librarians:**
 - (i) Playground duty rosters are to be arranged so that the teacher librarians are not required to supervise/teach an unreasonable number of students in the library at any time.
 - (ii) When the library is open at lunchtime the duty should be shared equitably amongst all staff on the playground duty roster.
 - (iii) Teacher librarians are to be allocated a lunch break in accordance with the Union Collective Agreement of the same duration as other teachers, ie 30 minutes.
- **Relief teachers** will only be required to do the playground duty of the teacher they are replacing. This should be in accordance with a publicly displayed playground duty roster. Variations to this, ie mutually agreed swaps, should be arranged in writing and noted on the roster prior to the engagement of the relief teacher.