



ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY

TITLE OF POLICY: Drone Policy

EFFECTIVE DATE: Term 3 2025

LAST REVIEW DATE: Term 3 2025

NEXT REVIEW DATE: Term 3 2027

TARGET AUDIENCE: Staff, Parents, Students and Carers

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the responsible and safe use of drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles - UAVs) within and around the school environment to ensure the safety, privacy, and wellbeing of students, staff, and the wider school community.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- - All staff, students, contractors, and visitors.
- - All drone operations on school grounds or during school-related activities off-site.

3. Policy Statement

The school supports the use of drones for educational and operational purposes, provided they are used in a safe, legal, and ethical manner that prioritises child safety and privacy.

4. Guidelines for Use

4.1 Educational Use

- - Drones may be used as part of the curriculum (e.g., STEM activities) under direct teacher / adult supervision.
- - Students must not operate drones without staff supervision and prior written parental consent.

4.2 Operational Use

- - Drones may be used by authorised staff or contractors for maintenance, promotional, or security purposes, so long as the schools is advised in advance.
- - All drone flights must be pre-approved by the school principal.

4.3 Safety and Compliance

- - All drone operations must comply with CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) regulations.
- - Drones must not fly over people, near buildings, or outside designated areas.
- - Operators must hold a valid Remote Pilot Licence (RePL) or fly under CASA's excluded category rules.

4.4 Privacy and Consent

- - No images or videos of students may be taken without prior written consent from parents/guardians.
- - Only school-issued devices may be used for capturing footage.
- - All footage must be stored securely and deleted after its intended use.

4.5 Restrictions

- - Drones are not to be used during school hours for recreational purposes.
- - No drones are permitted during recess, lunch, or in areas where students are present unless part of a supervised activity.

5. Breaches of Policy

Any breach of this policy will be addressed in accordance with the school's behaviour management and staff conduct procedures.

Unauthorised drone use may be reported to CASA and relevant authorities.

6. Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or in response to changes in legislation or school needs.