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Council bans inflatables after Hillcrest Primary School tragedy

Following the State Government's decision to ban jumping castles and zorb balls in schools and on Crown Land after the Hillcrest Primary School tragedy, Waratah-Wynyard Council has followed suit and banned large inflatables on land owned or operated by Council.

"Our hearts go out the loved ones of the six children who lost their lives at Hillcrest Primary School. It is our responsibility as a community to help minimise the trauma of those affected by this tragedy by banning the use of large inflatables at this time," Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

According to Mayor Walsh, the purpose of the ban is two-fold. "In addition to minimising the trauma of those impacted by the incident at Hillcrest Primary School, Council wishes to minimise the risk of future incidents resulting in injury or loss of life."

"Council is safeguarding our community from hazards that have the potential devastate families, friends and the wider community. Until safety measures are thoroughly reviewed, the ban on jumping castles, zorb balls and the like will remain," the Mayor said.

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