



School No: 2068 Established 1878

1.1 Governance



Help for non-English speakers

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The Cranbourne Primary Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program provides a high-quality school based child care service for families in the school community who require extended care for children outside normal school hours.

The Cranbourne Primary School Council has overall responsibility for the management of the OSHC service, through the Principal and Business Manager, and is the employer of the staff working at the service.

Quality through Accreditation

In December 2009, all Australian Governments, through the Council of Australia Governments (COAG), agreed to a partnership to establish a National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education ('National Quality Framework') for most long day care, preschool/kindergarten, family day care and outside school hours care services in Australia.

The National Quality Framework aims to raise quality and drive continuous improvement in education and care services and school aged care.

The National Quality Framework includes:

- a national legislative framework that consists of:
 - the *Education and Care Services National Law* ('National Law')
 - the *Education and Care Services National Regulations* ('National Regulations')
- a *National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care for School Age Care* ('National Quality Standard') consisting of seven Quality Areas:
 - Educational program and practice
 - Children's health and safety
 - Physical environment
 - Staffing arrangements
 - Relationships with children
 - Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
 - Leadership and service management

- a national quality rating and assessment process through which services are assessed against the National Quality Standards by Regulatory Authorities and provided a rating from one of the five rating levels
- a Regulatory Authority in each state and territory who will have primary responsibility for the approval, monitoring and quality assessment of services in their jurisdiction in accordance with the national legislative framework and in relation to the National Quality Standard
- a new national body, the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) – to oversee the system and guide its implementation in a nationally consistent way.

The National Law, the National Regulations and the National Quality Standard (which is located in a schedule to the National Regulations) are the key legislative documents that establish the National Quality Framework.

Approved Learning Framework

A central focus of the National Quality Framework is on outcomes for children. This is why all education and care services must provide a program that is based on an approved learning framework, which considers the developmental needs, interests and experiences of each child and takes account the individual differences of each child.

My Time, Our Place: Framework for School Age Care in Australia (‘Framework for School Age Care’) outlines practices to support and promote children’s learning.

The aim of the Framework for School Age Care is to extend and enrich the wellbeing and development of school age children in education and care settings. It assists services to provide children in school age care with opportunities to engage in leisure and play-based experiences.

Governing Policies

Parents have a right to know the policies and practices that operate in the service so that they can make informed decisions on the appropriateness of the service for their child. Access to written policies will ensure consistent expectations about the service. Policies also facilitate continuity as the staff working in or having responsibility for the service change from time to time.

The policies of the Cranbourne Primary OSHC have been developed in full consideration of the National Quality Framework and the Framework for School Aged Care. They are ratified by the Cranbourne Primary School Council, regularly monitored, and reviewed.

The OSHC service shall display the policies in the program area and shall make the policy available to parents on the child’s enrolment and on request at other times.

Relevant Laws and Regulations

Children’s Services Act 1996

Children’s Services Regulations 2009

Educational and Care Services National Law Act 2010

Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011

National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care for School Age Care

Relevant Policies

Philosophy and Goals

Review Information

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