



School No: 2068 Established 1878

4.12 Water Safety



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact 03 5996 1744.

Cranbourne Primary School OSHC recognises that the safety and supervision of children in and around water is of the highest priority therefore children will be closely supervised at all times during water play experiences.

The scope of this policy includes swimming activities, water play, excursions near water, hot water and drinking water within the service environment.

Procedures

The Co-ordinator or nominated delegate will:

- Provide information and guidance to educators and families on the importance of children's safety in and around water.
- Ensure work, health and safety practices incorporate approaches to safe storage of and play with water.
- Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment prior to any water activities taking place. The risk assessment shall identify the educator to child ratios required to ensure children's safety.
- Ensure that at least one educator with a current first-aid qualification and CPR qualification as required by the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011, is in attendance and immediately available in an emergency.
- If Grey water systems and/or water tanks are located within the service environment they will be labelled with 'do not drink' signage, including picture, to ensure children are not accessing this water for drinking or hand washing.
- Hot water that may be accessible to children during service operation will be appropriately labelled. To prevent child accidents or illnesses relating to water hazards, all staff will:
 - Closely supervise children near all water at all times; never leave children alone near any water.
 - Encourage children to play in or near water safely, giving appropriate instructions and guidance.
 - Ensure water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level and emptied on to garden areas after use.
 - Buckets of water used for cleaning are emptied immediately after use. Buckets are not to be left in play areas or accessible to children unless they are being used as part of a program experience.
 - Water for pets at the service must be changed regularly and only accessible to children when educators are present.

- Carry and consume hot drinks in thermal, non-spill containers.

Relevant Law and Regulations

National Regulations (77, 88, 100, 101, 168) Duty of care
National Quality Framework Quality Area 2

Relevant Policies

Excursions
General Health and Wellbeing Hygiene
Illness and Injury
Physical Activity
Program Development and Conduct Staffing Ratios

Review Information

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