

Outdoor Environment

Policy Statement

We aim to provide a safe and secure outdoor environment where children have access to a variety of activities, in which children are encouraged to participate.

Policy Considerations

- National Quality Standards/Elements: 3.1 (Design), 3.2 (Use)

Procedure

- The outdoor environment will be smoke free.
- The outdoor area shall be easily accessible to the staff and children.
- The outdoor area will be inspected daily for any obstacles or dangerous items.
- These items shall be disposed of in a safe and careful manner prior to the children playing in the area. Broken or unsafe equipment will be blocked from use.
- Supervision should be properly maintained. Children are only to play in areas that are clearly visible to staff, and where proper child/staff ratios are maintained.
- Clear boundaries shall be set and enforced.
- Adequate shade via trees and coverings will be maintained.
- As far as possible activities will be set up in shaded areas.
- Use of other outdoor venues will be considered where access to the area is safe, adequate supervision can be maintained, the area is considered of value to the children's physical development and personal comfort, and where adequate staff/child ratios can be maintained both indoors and outdoors.
- Should weather conditions prove to be too extreme for students to be outside and exposed to such elements, staff will bring children indoors, and an alternative activity will be organised.

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