

Our Lady of Hope Greenwith Campus Outside School Hours Care



POLICY DOCUMENT

WATER SAFETY POLICY

HOW THE POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

The service shall ensure the safety of children around bodies of water by:

- Undertaking a risk assessment that will determine the required educator to child ratio for the proposed activity.
- Ensuring there are educators present that have a current, approved first aid qualification including CPR.
- Demonstrating a preference for venues that provide additional supervision in the form of lifeguards.
- Ensuring educators are placed in positions that allow them to directly and actively supervise any child accessing a body of water.
- Avoiding any venue with a body of water where sufficient precautions can not be taken to ensure the safety of children.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

THE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR-

- Actively looking for venues that provide additional supervision in the form of lifeguards, when the venue contains or has access to a body of water.
- Ensuring educators have the skills and abilities to safely facilitate the water activities.
- Ensuring educators position themselves in the environment so that every child is within sight of an adult at all times and that supervision is direct and vigilant; and that educators rotate their position in the environment on a regular basis to allow for movement and to maintain vigilance.
- On a swimming excursion, having some educators designated to supervise children from within the body of water
- Conducting a risk assessment on any venue the service plans to visit, to ensure that the service is able to provide appropriate levels of supervision and that the risk does not exceed the service's ability to maintain the safety of children.
- Ensuring a risk assessment is carried out on any activity the service sets up that allows children to access a body of water.

RESOURCES/REFERENCES

- Camps and Excursions Guidelines at www.decd.sa.gov.au/policiesa-z
- Water Safety Procedure for Preschools at www.decd.sa.gov.au/policiesa-z
- Royal Life Saving fact sheets at www.royallifesaving.com.au/www/html/156-fact-sheets.asp
- CESA Guidelines <http://online.cesaneet.adl.catholic.edu.au/docushare/dsweb/HomePage>



(Chairperson)

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