



1. Policy Information

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2. Overview

Toongabbie Christian College (the 'College') Out of School Hours (OOSH/the 'Service') acknowledges the importance of water safety policies and procedures in order to help keep children safe in and around water and support children's learning in a safe environment.

3. Policy

3.1 General Principles

- 3.1.1 The safety and supervision of children in and around water is of the highest priority at the Service. While water hazards at our Service are kept to a minimum, we acknowledge that things like toilets and buckets do have potential to be hazardous.
- 3.1.2 Children's safety and wellbeing will be protected in and around water through supervision and education.

4. Procedures

4.1 Excursions and Incursions

- 4.1.1 Please refer to *OOSH Excursion Policy & Procedures*.
- 4.1.2 Children will be supervised at all times in and around any body of water.
- 4.1.3 A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion or incursion taking place. Particular attention will be focused upon where there is a body of water near the location.
- 4.1.4 The ratio on excursions and incursions with water play will be 1 educator to 5 children.
- 4.1.5 The Service does not go on any excursions that involve swimming activities.

4.2 Within the Service

- 4.2.1 Educators will be aware of buckets of water and will empty the bucket after the purpose of use has been fulfilled.
- 4.2.2 Whilst engaging in water play, an educator must be actively present until the activity has been completed.
- 4.2.3 A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) guide must be displayed in the Service.
- 4.2.4 The College does not have a pool or any other body of water on the grounds.

- 4.2.5 During the daily grounds check, educators will ensure no pools or containers of water are present and in the case of extreme rain, educators will thoroughly inspect outdoor areas for any pooling of water before allowing children to play outside.
- 4.2.6 Equipment used by the Service for water play will not allow water to be of a greater depth than 15 cm.

5. References

- none

6. Considerations

Education and Care Services National Regulations	National Quality Standard	Other service policies/documentation	Other
R77, R100, R101, R102, R106,, R168	QA2.1, QA2.2, QA4.1, QA7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a Child Safe Environment Policy & Procedures. • Duty of Care Policy & Procedures • OOSH Excursion Policy & Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 • Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 • UNICEF – Children’s Rights