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RATIONALE

OSHC will prevent child accidents and illnesses relating to water hazards.

PURPOSE

The safety and supervision of children in and around water is of the highest priority. This relates to water play, excursions near water, hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in the OSHC environment. Children will be supervised at all times during water play experiences.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010
- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011: 168
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Australian Standards for swimming pool safety

IMPLEMENTATION

To prevent child accidents and illnesses relating to swimming and wading pools and other water hazards the Nominated Supervisor will;

- Provide guidance and education to educators, staff 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 water and play

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To prevent child accidents and illnesses relating to swimming and wading pools and other water hazards, the school and staff will;

- Closely supervise children near any water at all times, never leave children alone near any water.
- Teach children about staying safe in and around water.
- Buckets of water used during cleaning after craft or throughout the day are to be filled immediately before use, supervised by an adult while in use, and emptied immediately and cleaned thoroughly after use.
- Provide clean drinking water at all times. The water will be supervised to ensure that it is safe and hygienic for consuming. Water containers will be securely sealed. At the end of each day the water container will be emptied and cleaned thoroughly.
- Hot water accessible to children will be maintained at the temperature of 43.5 degrees C.
- Adults may carry and consume hot drinks only in approved thermal mug.
- A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. Particular attention will be focused upon water safety where the excursion is near a body of water.
- At all times, when children are present, there must be at least one contact staff member with a current approved first aid qualification, on the premises. It is best practice for all contact staff to hold current approved First Aid Certificates. All contact staff are required to keep first aid qualifications up to date. The school will cover the costs of this staff training.

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To be reviewed every 3 years unless a change occurs in the regulations.