Education, Curriculum and Learning Policy

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1.1.1 Curriculum decision making contributes to each child’s learning and development outcomes in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators.

1.1.2 Each child’s current knowledge, ideas, culture, abilities and interests are the foundation of the program.

1.1.3 The program, including routines, is organised in ways that maximise opportunities for each child’s learning.

1.1.4 The documentation about each child’s program and progress is available to families.

1.1.5 Every child is supported to participate in the program.

1.1.6 Each child’s agency is promoted, enabling them to make choices and decisions and to influence events and their world.

1.2.1 Each child’s learning and development is assessed as part of an ongoing cycle of planning, documenting and evaluation.

1.2.2 Educators respond to children’s ideas and play and use intentional teaching to scaffold and extend each child’s learning.

1.2.3 Critical reflection on children’s learning and development, both as individuals and in groups, is regularly used to implement the program.

National Regulations

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73 Educational programs

74 Information about the educational program to be kept available

75 Information about educational program to be given to parents

76 Documenting of child assessments or evaluations for delivery of educational program

118 Educational leader

My Time, Our Place

LO1 – LO5 All Learning Outcomes under the My Time, Our Place framework will be addressed through our Policy and practices.

Aim

Educators aim to create positive learning environments and guide experiences for each child in conjunction with their family. Educators will observe children and facilitate their learning to provide each child with an individualised portfolio by documenting their learning throughout the year.

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Children and their families will be encouraged to participate in the ongoing process to promote engaged learning.

**Related Policies**
- Additional Needs Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Continuity of Education and Care Policy
- Educator and Management Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Excursion Policy
- Food, Nutrition and Beverage Policy
- Health, Hygiene and Safe Food Policy
- Immunisation and Disease Prevention Policy
- Infectious Diseases Policy
- Medical Conditions Policy
- Orientation for Children Policy
- Physical Activity Promotion Policy
- Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration) Policy
- Record Keeping and Retention Policy
- Relationships with Children Policy
- Technology Usage Policy

**Implementation**

The role of the educational leader is to work with educators to provide curriculum direction and to ensure children achieve the outcomes of the approved learning framework.

**Our service is committed to the My Time, Our Place framework for school age care.**

**My Time, Our Place Framework**

- Learning outcomes will be linked to the curriculum during and after each child’s learning has occurred. The curriculum must not be pre-programmed to match specific Learning outcomes. Evaluations of each child’s learning and development will take into account the period of time each child spends at the service. Children enrolled on a casual basis may not be evaluated.

- Evaluations of children’s development and learning will inform future decision making on curriculum content to ensure children’s learning is extended.

- Educators will work in collaboration with children and in partnership with families to provide relevant learning experiences for each child, based on their interests and family experiences.

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• Educators will identify children’s strengths and interests and use these to choose learning strategies and environments which will actively engage children in learning.

• Educators will include children in decision making, where ever possible, including decisions about indoor and outdoor spaces, programming, routines and documenting their achievements, and give them appropriate levels of responsibility. Responsive relationships will be strengthened as educators and children share decisions.

• Educators will be aware of, and understand, families’ values, beliefs and practices and use these to make program decisions that acknowledge each child’s culture and identity.

• The curriculum will be based on the children’s interests, educators extending children’s interests, spontaneous experiences and family input. It will be evaluated and reflected upon each week by educators. The weekly program will be displayed. We welcome any suggestions and are happy to answer questions from family members at any time.

• Educators will use intentional and spontaneous teaching strategies to scaffold children’s learning. Opportunities will also be provided for peer scaffolding.

• Educators will promote a sense of community and build connections between the service, schools and the local community.

• Where appropriate, the service will liaise with external agencies and support persons to best educate and care for children with additional needs.

Learning and Play

• Children are encouraged to explore, build relationships, solve problems, create and construct through a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Children will be given time and space to enhance and build on their own personality, curiosity and creativity.

• Resources will reflect the breadth of age groups, interests and capabilities and be accessible to children so they can choose and be responsible for their actions. Our service will also provide access to digital technologies so children can access global resources and encourage new ways of thinking and communicating.

• Healthy lifestyles, including nutrition, personal hygiene, physical fitness, relationships, emotions and social relationships will be built into the weekly program.

• Children are encouraged to take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing. Educators will:
  o plan energetic physical activities, including dance, drama, movement, sports and games.

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Provide wide range of resources to develop and consolidate children’s fine and gross motor skills
Provide a range of active and relaxing experiences throughout the day

We will provide the following information to parents whenever requested:

- The content and operation of the educational program
- Information about the child’s participation in the program
- Evaluations of the child’s wellbeing, development and learning.

My Time, Our Place Learning Outcomes

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
National Quality Standard
My Time, Our Place Framework for School Age Care

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Out of School Hours Care subcommittee of School Council.

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