



Providing a Child Safe Environment

Kangaroo Valley Preschool recognises the importance of providing a safe environment for all children at our service. All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that safeguards and promotes their health and safety.

Aims

Kangaroo Valley Preschool will:

- Ensure that children are adequately supervised at all times;
- Organise rooms and environments to minimise risks to children;
- Monitor and minimise hazards and safety risks in the environment;
- Implement our *Child Protection* and our *Incidents, Injury, Trauma, Illness Policies*; and
- Take every reasonable precaution to protect children being educated and cared for by the service from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury.

Strategies:

Supervision

The Approved Provider will:

- Ensure that sufficient numbers of educators are employed to ensure adequate supervision of children at all times; and
- Adopt policies and procedures to protect children being educated and cared for by the service from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury.

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- ensure that adequate numbers of educators are on duty to meet ratio and qualification requirements and to ensure adequate supervision of children at all times;
- Engage casual staff as appropriate;
- Ensure staff are aware of the need for adequate supervision of children at all times.
- Adopt policies designed to protect children being educated and cared for by the service from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury are implemented and that all staff are aware of these policies and procedures.



Educators will:

- Adequately supervise children within their group at all times; and
- Inform the Nominated Supervisor if ever supervision is inadequate to ensure the health and safety of all children.

Organisation of Rooms and Environments

The Approved Provider will:

- Make sufficient allowance within budgets to allow for the replacement of worn and damaged equipment and resources which may provide safety risk for children; and
- Make sufficient allowance within budgets to allow the adequate maintenance of all indoor and outdoor environments.

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Organise rooms and groupings to enable adequate supervision of children and so to minimise the risk to children; and
- Organise repairs and maintenance to equipment and environments in a timely manner.

Educators and staff will:

- Organise indoor and outdoor spaces to ensure risks to the health and safety are minimised. Safety checks of the indoor & outdoor environment are to be noted in the diary each day.
- Inform the Nominated Supervisor of repairs and maintenance needed within the service to ensure the health and safety of children.

Risk Assessment

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Conduct a risk assessment of the service environment on a regular basis to determine any risks to children's health and safety;
- Analyse and evaluate the risks associated with identified hazards;
- Determine appropriate ways to eliminate or control identified hazards; and
- Review risk assessments after any serious incident report is made to the Department of Education and Communities.



Educators and staff will:

- Report any risks or hazards within the service to the Nominated Supervisor as soon as possible.

Child Protection

The Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor and Educators and Staff will comply with the requirements of the service's child protection policy to ensure the minimisation of children's risk to harm.

Evaluation

Children are healthy and safe at our service and the number of serious health and safety incidents is minimised.

References:

Community Child Care Co-operative: Providing a Child Safe Environment Sample Policy.

Statutory Legislation & Considerations

Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations: S165& S167 and R 168