

E-2 Written Programs

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QA. 1.1	An approved learning framework informs the development of a curriculum that enhances each child's learning and development.
QA. 1.2	Educators and co-ordinators are focused, active and reflective in designing and delivering the program for each child.
QA.2.1.2	Each child's comfort is provided for and there are appropriate opportunities to meet each child's need for sleep, rest and relaxation
QA. 2.2.2	Physical activity is promoted through planned and spontaneous experiences and is appropriate for each child.
QA.2.3.2	Children are adequately supervised at all times.
QA. 4.1.1	Educator-to-child ratios and qualification requirements are maintained at all times
QA. 4.2.1	Professional standards guide practice, interactions and relationships
QA. 6.1.1	There is an effective enrolment and orientation process for families.
QA. 6.1.3	Current information about the service is available to families.
QA. 7.1.2	The induction of educators, co-ordinators and staff members, including relief educators, is comprehensive.
QA. 7.3.1	Records and information are stored appropriately to ensure confidentiality, are available from the service and are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements.
QA. 7.3.2	Administrative systems are established and maintained to ensure the effective operation of the service.
QA. 7.3.5	Service practices are based on effectively documented policies and procedures that are available at the service and reviewed regularly

National Regulations

Reg. 56	Review and revision of quality improvement plans
Reg. 73	Educational Programs
Reg. 74	Documenting of child assessments or evaluations for delivery of educational program
Reg. 75	Information about educational program to be kept available
Reg. 76	Information about educational program to be given to parents
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures
Reg. 320	Educator to child ratios—children over preschool age

My Time, Our Place

LO. 1	Children feel safe, secure and supported
LO. 3	Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing
LO. 3	Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing
LO. 4	Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating

Policy Statement

We aim to develop and implement a balanced program that is stimulating, interesting and exciting; which allows opportunities for children to play, explore and develop new skills and is appropriate to the developmental and leisure needs of all children. Our Centre's program will be based on the "My Time, Our Place" Framework and reflect the cultural diversity of today's society. Children and parents/guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the program.

Related Policies

- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-1: Hours of Operation
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-2: Priority of Access
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-3: Philosophy
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-5: New Children Orientation
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-8: Dropping off and Picking Up
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-9: Absent and Missing Children
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-13: Participation and Access
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-14: Complaints
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-15: Role of the Management Committee
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy A-19: NQF
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy C-3: Educator Orientation and Induction
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy D-3: Food and Nutrition
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy D-22: Child Protection Policy
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy D-23: Child Management
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy E-2: Written Programs
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy E-4: Movies, Videos and Television
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy E-8: Homework
- SYLVANIA HEIGHTS BASC Policy E-9: Out-Of-Centre Activities

Procedure

The Centre Director and Educational Leader will be responsible for the development of a child centred program, which reflects the philosophy of the Centre and meets the social, physical, recreational, intellectual, creative and emotional developmental needs of the children attending.

Programs will be developed for all aspects of the Centre, before school and after school.

The education program will explore the concepts of Belonging, Being and Becoming and will work on developing the key outcomes of all children:

- The child will have a strong sense of identity
- The child will be connected with and contribute to his or her own world
- The child will have a strong sense of wellbeing
- The child will be a confident and involved learner
- The child will be an effective communicator.

The centre will use the following Principles in developing the Educational Program:

- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships with Parents / Guardians
- High expectations and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Ongoing learning and reflective practice

The centre educators will use varying pedagogical practices to promote children's learning by:

- Adopting holistic approaches
- Collaborating with children
- Planning and implementing play and leisure activities
- Acting with intentionality
- Creating physical and social school age care environments that have a positive impact on children's development, wellbeing and community building
- Valuing the cultural and social contexts of children and their Parents / Guardians
- Providing for continuity in experiences and enabling children to have a successful transition
- Using reflection processes and documentation about children's wellbeing and learning to inform and evaluate programs and to support children in achieving outcomes.

In order to achieve these outcomes, the written program will:

- Promote the importance of play
- Maintain the dignity and rights of each child at all times
- Respect the cultural and language diversity of the local and wider community.
- Foster friendships
- Consider individual and group interests, skills, needs, talents and abilities.
- Encourage cooperative and responsible behaviour
- Foster independence, self-help skills and problem solving skills
- Provide an environment to develop self-reliance and foster self-esteem
- Allow opportunities to explore and develop new skills through stimulating, exciting and interesting activities.
- Consider all developmental areas
- Provide variation in indoor/outdoor activities
- Provide variation in quiet/active activities
- Provide variation in structured/unstructured activities
- Consider the varying age ranges of the children within the service
- Provide variety and choice
- Provide positive examples and direction to allow children to develop self-discipline skills.
- Assist children in appreciating and caring for each other and their surroundings.
- Make children feel valued and welcomed in their surroundings.
- Encouraging the children to express themselves and their opinions

The written program will be prepared for each day and put on display for children and Parents / Guardians to view (as per Regulation 75). Programs will also be displayed on the Centre's website where appropriate.

Where educators see fit they may post-plan to allow the children to develop their own interests and skills. Where a decision has been made to post-plan, educators will ensure this is written up in the appropriate manner.

Training in children's programming and activities will constitute part of educator development and be included as an item in the Centre's budget each year.

Children and parents/guardians are encouraged to incorporate their views, ideas and specific interests into the program through both verbal and/or written communication.

Educators will encourage feedback and input from children and parents/guardians in relation to the program. This may be done verbally, through the newsletter or in the family information brochure.

Educators will regularly talk to parents/guardians concerning their child's interests and activities and respond to parents/guardians suggestions, requirements and expectations.

Children will be encouraged to be actively involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the program through group discussions, individual conversations and children's meetings. Likewise, parents/guardians and families will be actively encouraged to be involved in the programming through individual conversation, mail correspondence, meetings and the Centre Newsletter.

Each child's progress in their learning and development will be assessed and taken under consideration when planning, implementing, documenting and evaluating written programs.

Documentation will be taken of each individual child in the service to adequately evaluate their well-being, development and learning. This will be prepared in such a way that it is readily understandable to the parents/guardians and families as well as the educators in the Centre. Parents / Guardians will be presented with a copy of the documentation in respect to their child as requested. This information will be presented so that it explains the child's participation on the centres educational program. Information about the content and operation of the educational program will be readily available to parents/guardians, displayed at the centre at all times.

Sources

- Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard (NQS)
- Education and Care Services National Law Act (2010) Section 168
- My Time, Our Place: A Framework for School Aged Care in Australia

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