

# Casino West Public School Preschool

## Localised Procedure



### Water Safety (Including water-based activities)

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Education and care services regulation/s	NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines	National Quality Standard(s)	Preschool Guide reference	School policy or procedure, where applicable
<p><u>Regulation 101</u></p> <p><u>Regulation 168</u></p>	<p>The following department policies and relevant documents can be accessed from the preschool section of the department's <a href="#">website</a>:</p> <p>Excursion Policy</p> <p><a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/excursions-policy">https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/excursions-policy</a></p>	<p><b>2.1.1: Wellbeing and comfort</b></p> <p>Each child's wellbeing and comfort is provided for, including appropriate opportunities to meet each child's need for sleep, rest and relaxation</p> <p><b>7.1.3 Roles and responsibilities</b></p> <p>Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and understood, and support effective decision making and operation of the service</p>	53	

**Resources:**

- Kid safe  
<https://kidsafe.com.au/>
- Kids alive  
<https://kidsalive.com.au/>

The *Education and Care Services National Regulations* (Regulation 168) states that a health and safety policy which includes water safety is required by all services and a risk management process undertaken (regulation 101).

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To provide connectedness with nature and opportunities for exploration, preschools may choose to have mud and/or water features as a part of the outdoor environment. Educators and staff need to assess the risk to children around water.

## **Ensuring:**

- Water containers or water features that could be drowning hazards will be appropriately covered or inaccessible to children.
- Educators will more closely supervise children when they are using water in their play or watering the garden.
- Educators and the children will empty any water containers immediately at the end of the play session, particularly larger trough-style containers. The containers are then to be stored in a way that it will not fill with water when not in use.
- Water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level. These activities will be supervised at all times and containers or troughs will be emptied onto garden areas after use. Children will be discouraged from drinking from these water activities.
- As part of the morning outdoor safety check, before the children arrive, educators will check no rain water has pooled in containers overnight e.g. boat, located at side of preschool.
- If a container of water is to be taken into the sand pit area, educators will pay particular attention to this area.
- Taps will be fitted with safety locking devices so children can't turn them on independently.
- Families will supply their child's own sealed drinking bottle of clean water each day.
- No child will be allowed to drink out of another's bottle. If this inadvertently occurs, staff will empty and thoroughly clean the water container before refilling it.
- No hot water will be accessible to the children in the preschool.
- Adults may not consume hot drinks whilst children are around as per school policy.
- Ensure First Aid and CPR qualifications and requirements are met at all times.
- Empty buckets used for cleaning immediately after use. No buckets are left unsupervised in play areas or accessible to children.

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review:**

- A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. If the venue has a body of water such as a lake or creek, the staff to child ratio will be increased.
- The policy will be monitored to ensure compliance with legislative requirements and unless deemed necessary through the identification of practice gaps, the service will review their policy every year.