



Woolooware Outside School Hours Care

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TECHNOLOGY POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Woolooware Outside School Hours Care aims to develop and implement a program that is stimulating, interesting and exciting, and allows opportunities for children to experience different technologies whilst also having times of relaxation and leisure. The Nominated Supervisor will ensure all technology is used appropriately and any movies, television programs and video games are suitable for the children's developmental level, and are rated G or PG.

CONSIDERATIONS

Education and Care Services National Regulations – R73, R74, R75, R76, R123, R168

National Quality Standard – 1.1.1, 1.2, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 4.1.1, 4.2.2, 7.1.2, 7.1.3

My Time Our Place: LO. 1, LO. 3, LO. 4

Other Service policies/documentation –WOSHC Philosophy, Maintenance of Records Policy, Complaints Policy, Child Management Policy, Written Programs Policy

PROCEDURES

Various mediums of technology will be used at the centre when appropriate. This includes computers, televisions, video games and other hand-held devices.

Computers

Computer's available at the centre will be connected to the Department of Education network. This will ensure the blocking of any inappropriate websites and will ensure children have to use their own logins whilst on the computers.

Computers will be used of an afternoon, generally in times of wet weather. A time limit will be applied dependant on the number of children in attendance. This will be monitored by educators and will allow for all children to have equal opportunity to use the computers.

Computers will be setup to ensure educators can easily monitor the children's activities.

Movies / TV / Video games and hand-held devices

Movies, television programs and video games will be planned as part of a balanced program of activities, which reflects the philosophy of the Centre. These may be used to highlight a particular activity or interest in the program, and each child's participation time will be limited. Where programmed, such activities will be displayed for children and families to view.



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The program will be recorded in the program folder and clearly displayed upon entrance to the Centre for all educators, parents and children to view.

Educators should attempt to preview the movie, television program or video game prior to showing it to the children. In cases where this is not possible, the Nominated Supervisor will ensure the media has been checked for suitability using the online tool from the Australian Council on Children and the Media (<http://childrenandmedia.org.au/>)

Video games, hand-held devices and other electronic equipment will not be encouraged to be brought to WOSHC unless the program advises otherwise. Educators will not be held responsible for any equipment brought to the Centre and children will be encouraged to label their equipment and ensure the safe storage of their items.

Alternative activities will always be available when movies, television programs or video games are being shown, and the use of such media in the program will not replace the supervision responsibilities of the educators.

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