



Woolooware Outside School Hours Care

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Woolooware Outside School Hours Care recognise the importance of community involvement in facilitating and enhancing each child's learning and development and in doing so, strengthening their sense of belonging. We aim to promote community involvement in the day-to-day running of the centre by organising programs and routines to encourage each child's connection to their community, encourage family and community participation and create a welcoming environment which reflects the lives of the children, their families and the broader society they live in.

CONSIDERATIONS

Education and Care Services National Regulations – R73, R74, R75, R76, R86, R111, R157

National Quality Standard – 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.2, 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 7.1.2

My Time Our Place: LO. 1, LO. 2, LO. 3

Other Service policies/documentation – Enrolment & Orientation Policy, Communication Policy, Excursions Policy, Volunteers, Students and Visitors Policy

PROCEDURES

The Centre Director and educators will ensure that the program and practices at the Centre incorporate and reflect the importance of the local and wider community in relation to the individual circumstances of each child.

Information about the individual communities specific to each child will be obtained through enrolment documentation informal conversation, surveys, interaction and discussion with families and meetings.

The environment will be set up in such a way that is welcoming, inclusive and representative of the children, their families and the local community. This can include the presentation of children's artwork, photographs of the children at the Centre, images of the local community etc.

Families will be invited and encouraged to participate in and contribute to the Centre's program through newsletters, informal discussions and conversations, family handbook, emails and signage.

Local community resources area will be set up at the Centre. This could contain any current information which may be of interest to the community such as relevant information with regards to current events occurring in the local area, updates to public health legislation, recipes, craft ideas, extra-curricular providers etc.

WOSHC will endeavour to develop links, share information and work in collaboration with other community organisations and OSHC Centres to gain ideas, feedback and strategies for the betterment of the children and families in the service.



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