



# Magill OSHC Education, Curriculum and Learning Policy

<b>Links to the National Quality Standards</b>		
QA1	1.1	The educational program enhances each child's learning and development.
	1.1.1	Curriculum decision-making contributes to each child's learning and development outcomes in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators.
	1.1.2	Each child's current knowledge, strengths, ideas, culture, abilities and interests are the foundation of the program.
	1.1.3	All aspects of the program, including routines, are organised in ways that maximise opportunities for each child's learning.
	1.2	Educators facilitate and extend each child's learning and development.
	1.2.1	Educators are deliberate, purposeful, and thoughtful in their decisions and actions.
	1.2.2	Educators respond to children's ideas and play and extend children's learning through open-ended questions, interactions and feedback.
	1.2.3	Each child's agency is promoted, enabling them to make choices and decisions that influence events and their world.
	1.3	Educators and co-ordinators take a planned and reflective approach to implementing the program for each child.
	1.3.1	Each child's learning and development is assessed or evaluated as part of an ongoing cycle of observation, analysing learning, documentation, planning, implementation and reflection.
	1.3.2	Critical reflection on children's learning and development, both as individuals and in groups, drives program planning and implementation.
	1.3.3	Families are informed about the program and their child's progress.

<b>Links to the National Regulations</b>		
Regs	73	Educational programs
	74	Documenting of child assessments or evaluations for delivery of educational program
	75	Information about educational program to be kept available
	76	Information about educational program to be given to parents
	118	Educational leader

<b>Links to the My Time, Our Place Framework</b>	
LO1 – LO5	All Learning Outcomes under the My Time, Our Place framework will be addressed through our Policy and practices.

## Aim

Educators aim to create positive learning environments and guide experiences for each child in conjunction with their family. Educators will observe children and facilitate their learning to provide families with documentation of their learning at OSHC throughout the year. Children and their families will be encouraged to participate in the ongoing process to promote engaged learning.

## Related Policies

- Additional Needs Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Continuity of Education and Care Policy
- Educator and Management Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Excursion Policy
- Food, Nutrition and Beverage Policy
- Health, Hygiene and Safe Food Policy
- Immunisation and Disease Prevention Policy
- Infectious Diseases Policy
- Medical Conditions Policy
- Orientation for Children Policy
- Physical Activity Promotion Policy
- Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration) Policy
- Record Keeping and Retention Policy
- Relationships with Children Policy
- Technology Usage Policy

## Implementation

The service will have a nominated Educational Leader at all time. The role of the educational leader is to work with educators to provide curriculum direction and to ensure children achieve the outcomes of the approved learning framework. Our service is committed to the My Time, Our Place framework for school age care.

## My Time, Our Place Framework

- Learning Outcomes will be linked to the curriculum during and after each child's learning has occurred. The curriculum must not be pre-programmed to match specific Learning Outcomes. Evaluations or assessments of each child's learning and development will take into account the period of time each child spends at the service.
- Evaluations of children's development and learning will inform future decision making on curriculum content to ensure children's learning is extended.
- Educators will work in collaboration with children and in partnership with families to provide relevant learning experiences for each child, based on their interests and family experiences.
- Educators will identify children's strengths and interests and use these to choose learning strategies and environments which will actively engage children in learning.
- Educators will include children in decision making, including decisions about indoor and outdoor spaces, programming, routines and documenting their achievements, and give them appropriate levels of responsibility. Responsive relationships will be strengthened as educators and children share decisions.
- Educators will be aware of and understand families' values, beliefs and practices and use these to make program decisions that acknowledge each child's culture and identity.
- The curriculum will be based on the children's interests, educators extending children's interests, spontaneous experiences and family input. It will be evaluated and reflected upon each week by educators. The weekly program will be displayed. We welcome any suggestions and are happy to answer questions from family members at any time.
- Educators will use intentional and spontaneous teaching strategies to scaffold children's learning. Opportunities will also be provided for peer scaffolding.
- Educators will promote a sense of community and build connections between the service, schools and the local community.

- Where appropriate, the service will liaise with external agencies and support persons to best educate and care for children with additional needs.

### **Learning and Play**

- Children are encouraged to explore, build relationships, solve problems, create and construct through a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Children will be given time and space to develop their own personality, curiosity and creativity.
- Resources will reflect the breadth of age groups, interests and capabilities and be accessible to children so they can choose and be responsible for their actions.
- Healthy lifestyles, including nutrition, personal hygiene, physical fitness, relation, emotions and social relationships will be built into the weekly program.
- Children are encouraged to take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing.

### **Educators will:**

- Plan energetic physical activities, including dance, drama, movement, sports and games,
- Provide wide range of resources to develop and consolidate children's fine and gross motor skills
- Provide a range of active and relaxing experiences throughout the day

### **We will provide the following information to parents whenever requested:**

- The content and operation of the educational program
- Information about the child's participation in the program
- Evaluations of the child's wellbeing, development and learning.

### **My Time, Our Place Learning Outcomes:**

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators.

### **Sources**

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011, National Quality Standard, My Time, Our Place Framework for School Age Care.

### **Review**

The policy will be reviewed every 2 years. The review will be conducted by: Management, Employees, Families and Interested Parties.