

ARMIDALE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Water Safety Policy

Policy/policies:	Excursion Policy, Sun Safe
Regulation/s/ Standards:	Education and Care Services National Regulations- 2.1.2, 2.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2 National Quality Area 2.
Related procedures:	Supervision
References:	Staying Healthy in Child Care (5 th Edition) Kidsafe- FDC Safety Guidelines, Health and Safety in FDC Models and Practices - 2nd Edition- Frith, Kambouris, O'Grady
Date effective	November 2023
Date for review	November 2025
Purpose	Water safety policies and procedures help keep children safe in and around water and support children's learning in a safe environment. Children's safety and wellbeing will be protected in and around water through supervision and education.
Responsibility	Management, Nominated Supervisors and Educators

Key information:

The Education and Care Services National Regulations requires Armidale Out of School Hours Care to ensure we have policies and procedures in place for managing water safety, including safety during any water-based activities.

The safety, health and wellbeing of children is our number one priority. All water-based activities will be adequately supervised and no child will be left unattended when in proximity to water.

Practices

Water Play:

- Water activities involving sprinklers, hoses, soaker hoses and water mats are acceptable and are an important way to promote children with fun activities during the warmer months.

Excursions:

- The Nominated Supervisor will conduct a risk assessment for an excursion located near a water hazard in the same manner as any other excursion
- The ratio of Educators to children for an excursion that is to take place close to a water hazard is one adult to five children.