



BEACH KINDER IDENTIFICATION & VISIBILITY POLICY

Quality Area 2

PURPOSE

This policy aims to clearly define:

- Ways in which Beach Kinder participants are clearly visible to educators and volunteers, and clearly identifiable to other users of Hampton Beach to protect the safety of all participants
- Communication to onlookers and users of the park regarding the Beach Kinder program.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. VALUES

Hampton Community Kindergarten Inc. is committed to:

- Providing a safe and healthy environment for children and staff participating in the Beach Kinder program
- Being respectful of the community space that the Beach kinder site offers
- Facilitating appropriate communication and education to staff, parents and guardians to minimise the risk of injury of a dog bite to children and staff during Beach kinder.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to the Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor, educators and parents/guardians with an enrolled child, or who wish to enrol a child at Hampton Community Kindergarten Inc.

3. BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATION

Hampton Community Kindergarten's Beach Kinder program is conducted on a community beach which is enjoyed by members of the public. It is important that children, educators and volunteers participating in the Beach Kinder program are easily identified to each other and beach users as a discrete group. It is also critical that children participating in the program are clearly visible to all educators and volunteers.

Relevant legislation may include but is not limited to:

- *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*
- *Education and Care Services National Law 2010*
- National Quality Standard
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007



4. SOURCES AND RELATED KINDERGARTEN POLICIES

Kindergarten policies

- Delivery & Collection of Children (main kindergarten policy)
- Excursions & Service Events Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Beach Kinder Protective Clothing Policy (Beach Kinder Specific)
- Beach Kinder Extreme Weather Policy (Beach Kinder Specific)
- Beach Kinder Identification and Visibility Policy (Beach Kinder Specific)
- Beach Kinder Emergency Evacuation Policy (Beach Kinder Specific)
- Beach Kinder Snake Awareness Policy (Beach Kinder Specific)
- Beach Kinder Dog Awareness Policy (Beach Kinder Specific)
- Occupational Health & Safety Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Incident, Injury, Trauma & Illness Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Inclusion & Equity Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Sun Protection Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Water Safety Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Supervision of Children Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Nutrition, Oral Health & Active Play Policy (main kindergarten policy)
- Road Safety and Safe Transport Policy (main kindergarten policy)

PROCEDURES

General

The Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring educators are appropriately trained in procedures for dealing with onlookers, dogs etc.

Educators are responsible for:

- Ensuring all children have their excursion vest on with contact number.
- Requesting in as diplomatic a fashion as possible that interested onlookers move on so as not to disturb the education program underway, if necessary.



Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- Assisting child to find their allocated excursion vest
- Reading and being familiar with the policy
- Bringing relevant issues to the attention of both educators and committee

EVALUATION

In order to assess whether the values and purposes of the policy have been achieved, the Approved Provider will:

- Seek feedback regarding this policy and its implementation with parents/guardians of children participating in the Beach Kinder program. This can be facilitated through discussions and the annual service survey.
- Ask educators to share their experiences and observations in relation to the effectiveness of this policy.
- review the policy and service practices to ensure they are compliant with any new legislation, research or best practice procedures.

AUTHORISATION

The Approved Provider of Hampton Community Kindergarten Inc. adopted this policy on:

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