

E-6 Technology

NQS

QA. 1.1.1	Approved learning framework.
QA. 1.2	Practice.
QA.2.1.1	Wellbeing and comfort.
QA.2.2.1	Supervision.
QA. 4.1.1	Organisation of educators.
QA. 4.2.2	Professional standards.
QA. 7.1.2	Management systems.
QA. 7.1.3	Roles and responsibilities.

National Regulations

Reg. 73	Educational Programs
Reg. 74	Documenting of child assessments or evaluations for delivery of educational program
Reg. 75	Information about educational program to be kept available
Reg. 76	Information about educational program to be given to parents
Reg. 123(1)(d)	For children over preschool age, 1 educator to 15 children
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

My Time, Our Place

LO. 1	Children feel safe, secure and supported
LO. 3	Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing
LO. 3	Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing
LO. 4	Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating

Policy Statement

We aim 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.

Related Policies

- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy A-3: Philosophy
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records

- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy A-14: Complaints
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy D-23: Child Management
- NORMANHURST OSHC Policy E-2: Written Programs

Procedure

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.

During Vacation Care, the same rules will apply.

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 (as per Regulation 75).

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 (see Policy E-2: Written Programs).

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/>)

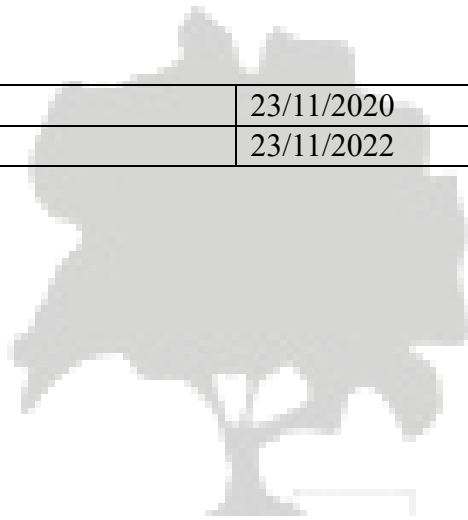
Video games, hand-held devices and other electronic equipment will not be encouraged to be brought to Normanhurst OSHC unless the program advises otherwise. Educators will not be held responsible for any equipment brought to the Centre and children will be encouraged to label their equipment and ensure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

Sources

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard (NQS)
- Education and Care Services National Law Act (2010) Section 168
- My Time, Our Place: A Framework for School Aged Care in Australia

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