

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Guns & Super Hero Policy

Aim

It is accepted that children will often be exposed to television coverage of violence and war activities, and programs involving superheros. Through this exposure they may be familiar with guns and warfare activities. Children then may display this through their play. Service staff will promote positive, peaceful, caring and inclusive interactions within the child care environment, and respect and tolerance for others.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
National Quality Standards 2011

Who is affected by this policy?

Educators
Staff
Child
Families
Management

Implementation

- Children who engage in Superhero play will be reminded of the need to respect and care for other people and their environment, and that they have no special rights because of being a Superhero.
- Educators/Staff will help all children to understand how their behaviour affects others and will ensure children's self-initiated play:
 - Does not make any other child feel frightened or intimidated.
 - Respects the rights and feelings of others.
 - Is not overly boisterous or loud.
 - Is valued and supported.
- Educators/Staff will always model behaviour that encourages inclusion, a sense of fairness, empathy and co-operation with others.
- The Service actively discourages the making of guns or other weapons for fantasy play within the child care environment. Toy guns or other weapons are not to be brought to the centre, or purchased as equipment.
- Educators/Staff will discuss any concerns or observations they may have in regards to children's fantasy play, with Parents/Guardians, and decide with the Parents/Guardians how any antisocial or warlike behaviour exhibited during play is managed.

The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

Sources

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National Quality Standards 2011

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

Reviewed: 26 October 2016

Date for next review: October 2017