

6.5 Use and Maintenance of Air Conditioning Policy

The service recognises and understands the need to maintain a healthy and safe environment for children and educators whilst at the same time valuing the need to ensure that the air conditioning operates with minimum impact on the environment.



Relevant Laws and other Provisions

The laws and other provisions affecting this policy include:

- *Education and Care Services National Law Act, 2010 and Regulations 2011*
- *Duty of Care*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*
- *Environmental Protection Regulation 1998*
- *National Quality Standard, Quality Area 3 – Physical environment*
- *Policies: 4.4 – Preventative Health and Wellbeing, 6.1 – Space and Facilities Requirements, 6.3 – Workplace Health and Safety.*



Procedures

The service shall operate the air conditioner to cool and/or heat the space to ensure the environment is comfortable and suitable to maintain the wellbeing and safety of children and educators.

The air conditioner shall be always set at a reasonable temperature if it is in use. For energy efficiency the recommendation is 24 °C.

Educators will ensure that, before the air conditioning is turned on, windows and doors will be closed for energy efficiency.

Regular maintenance shall be carried out on the system/s by a reputable contractor where a service report shall be required.

Regular cleaning of the air conditioner unit dust filters will be conducted and included as part of the school cleaning schedule.

Aesthetics and safety shall be considered for all new air conditioning installations.

For services operating within an Education Queensland school site, air conditioning installation requirements can be found in the 'Schools Manual for the Solar and Energy Efficiency in Queensland State Schools Program' available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/facilities/solar/pdfs/school-manual.pdf>

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