

9.6 Parent and Community Participation Policy

The service values the important role that parents and the community take in the overall development, understanding and awareness of children. For this reason, the service shall endeavour to encourage parent participation and engage with the local and wider community in mutually beneficial and supportive relationships in an effort to support children's lifelong learning and recreational enrichment.



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*
- *Public Liability Insurance*
- *Family and Child Commission Act 2014*
- *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and Regulations 2011*
- *National Quality Standard, Quality Area 6 – Collaborative partnerships with families and communities*
- *Policies: 3.5 – Excursions, 8.5 – Volunteers, 9.3 – Communication with Families, 9.4 – Communication with Community, 9.8 – Parent Conduct, 10.9 – Risk Management and Compliance,*



Procedures

Parents

The service acknowledges the parents and carers of the children attending have busy lives. However, if a parent or carer displays interest in wanting to be involved in the service or program, we encourage them to speak with the Coordinator and Educational Leader.

Community

The service shall develop and implement strategies and processes that identify:

- Accessible community resources;
- The ways in which such resources can be utilised e.g. excursions, incursions, support activities etc.;
- How such community engagement will support the overall objectives of the service and in particular program delivery; and
- When such community resources may be able to be utilised throughout the year.

The coordinator, management and employees shall identify local and wider community resources, where mutually beneficial and supportive relationships require establishment or enhancement.

Families of the service will be encouraged to suggest suitable and appropriate community venues that may be considered for excursions, incursions etc.

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August 2018	August 2018	July 2021	October 2021
		August 2024	October 2024
		April 2026	April 2026