

Mawson Lakes School - OSHC

Policy Statement on Equipment

All equipment and toys purchased for the Mawson Lakes School OSHC Service will meet Australian Standards and be appropriate to the developmental stages, interests and culture of the children in care. All educators will ensure that equipment and toys are kept in a thoroughly safe, clean and hygienic condition and in good repair at all times, and stored in a safe manner.

HOW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED (specific policies and procedures)

- The Director/Assistant Director will determine which equipment, materials and toys are most appropriate, taking into account durability, easy maintenance, cost, and benefit to the children's program.
- The Director/ Assistant Director will be responsible for the purchase of all new items of equipment.
- All new equipment will be checked to ensure it complies with relevant Australian Standards.
- The Director/ Assistant Director will advise the committee/operator about the need to purchase new equipment and gain their approval for purchases over \$1000, not otherwise budgeted for.
- Educators and childrens input on compiling a prioritised list of items of equipment to be purchased will be sought regularly through Kid's Club meetings and daily discussions.
- Toys should be appropriate to the service's aim of providing a safe and caring environment.
- Equipment will be checked regularly by the educators to ensure it is clean and safe.
- Equipment that should be used only under supervision will be clearly identified and stored in a safe place.
- Children will be taught how to appropriately use and care for toys, games and equipment.
- Children will be encouraged towards independence. Children's individual skill levels will be considered by educators when planning and supervising activities, especially those which involve using sharp or electrical equipment.