

Physical Activity Promotion Policy

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My Time, Our Place

LO3	Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing
	Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing

Aim

To provide children with a physically active program that is developmentally appropriate.

Related Policies

Additional Needs Policy

Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration) Policy

Relationships with Children Policy

Who is affected by this policy?

Children

Families

Educators

Management

Implementation

The service will implement the Australian Government Physical Activity Guidelines for Children 5-17 Years available on the [Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/government/australian-government-physical-activity-guidelines-for-children-5-17-years) website.

In line with this, our service will implement and encourage the following recommendations for physical activity for each child in attendance:

- Offer opportunities for children to participate in active style incursions to promote fitness and well-being.
- Offer opportunities for indoor physical activities that involved standing and movement.
- Most importantly, kids need the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that are fun and suit their interests, skills and abilities. Variety will also offer the child a range of health benefits, experiences and challenges.
- Kids who are just starting to get active should begin with a moderate level of activity, for example 30 minutes per day, and steadily increase.
- Children shouldn't spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (eg computer games, TV, internet), particularly during daylight hours.

Educator's Will:

- Encourage children to participate in physical activities through programming and spontaneous experiences.
- Encourage and support children to undertake and participate in new or unfamiliar physical activities.
- Participate in physical activity with the children.
- Show enthusiasm for participation in physical activity and organise play spaces to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all individuals in the environment.
- Set up and plan for physical play activities and equipment and where appropriate encourage the children to help with the set-up.
- Listen to children's suggestions on what physical activities they would like to participate in and where appropriate incorporate them into the program
- Set up indoor and outdoor areas in a manner that promotes and encourages safe physical play for all ages and abilities represented at the service.
- Actively encourage children to accept and respect each other's range of physical abilities.
- Consult with families and resource agencies on providing physical experiences that reflect diverse backgrounds and abilities.
- Role model appropriate footwear and clothing for physical activity.
- Will ensure a balance of active and sedentary activities throughout the child's day and minimize sedentary behaviours unless the child is tired or ill.

The service will support the children in:

- The development of their physical skill set by providing regular opportunities for outdoor play.
- The development of their physical skill set by talking with children about how the human body and how important physical activity is for an individual's health and wellbeing.
- The development of their physical skill set by providing experiences for the children that draw on elements of dance, dramatic play and creative movement.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

National Quality Standard

Make your move – sit less be active for life: Department of Health

Australian 24 Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Young People (5-17 years)

My Time, Our Place Framework for School Age Care

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually.

Review will be conducted by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties
- **Last reviewed: 1st May 2023 Date for next review: 1st May 2024**