**Ashcroft Public School Preschool Procedure**

**Water Safety**

**Reviewed: 2020 To be reviewed: 2021**

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| **Education and care services regulation/s** | **NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines** |
| [Regulation 168 (2)(a)](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_reg/eacsnr422/s168.html) | The following department policy can be accessed from the preschool section of the department’s [website](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/preschool/policies-and-procedures);* Excursion Policy PD/2004/0010/V07
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| **Procedures:** |
| * Any water containers features brought into the preschool that could be drowning hazards will be appropriately covered or inaccessible to the children.
* Water activities will be closely supervised and the reservoir will be at children’s standing height only. There will be no climbing equipment near water play activities.
* Educators will closely supervise children when they are using water in their play or watering the garden.
* Educators will empty any water containers immediately at the end of the play session, particularly larger trough-style containers.
* As part of the morning outdoor safety check, before the children arrive, educators will check no rain water has pooled in containers overnight.

 * A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. If the venue has a body of water such as a lake or creek, the staff to child ratio will be increased.
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