



## Out of Hours School Care Water Safety Policy

### Policy Statement

This policy outlines the OSHC's approach to water safety so that children remain unharmed and healthy. Safety and supervision of children are the highest priority when children have access to water. The policy covers, drinking water, hygiene practices with water and water play. It also includes safe storage of equipment used for water play.

### Procedures and Practices

- Children are always supervised when they are involved in water play or are near water.
- They are never left alone near water.
- Educators intentionally teach children about staying safe in and around water.
- Children have ready access to clean drinking water at all times and are regularly offered water throughout the day.
- Children are discouraged from drinking water used in the play activities.
- Educators and children wash and dry their hands after each water play activity to reduce the risk of cross infection.
- Buckets used for cleaning are kept out of children's reach, emptied immediately after each use, and stored in an area accessible to children.

### Sources:

- Water Safety: [www.watersafety.vic.gov.au](http://www.watersafety.vic.gov.au) Victorian Water safety Guide December 18/January 19 accessed for parent Library. Sourced February 2019.

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