

Barker Kindergarten

Short Walk policy

National Quality Standard 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 7.3



We believe children learn inside and outside and in the 'real' world. Being out within the community to discover more about their world is a key part of the learning program for children at Barker Kindergarten.

Aims:

The aims of the short walk policy are to promote among children, and parents:

- Confidence that the staff have undertaken appropriate risk/benefit analysis, including the determination of appropriate staff/adult to children ratios, of any proposed short walk.
- Appropriate ratios with children will be maintained on the walk and at the kindergarten for the duration of the walk.
- Short walks include any excursion by children outside the kindergarten gate that does not include any type of motorised transport. (They may include, but are not limited to a walk to the letter box, North Adelaide library, North Adelaide Primary School, Helicopter Playground or other local park or shops).
- Where possible parents will be informed via note near sign in folder before the short walk occurs.
- Signed permission for short walks from at least one parent will be sought upon enrolment and the permission form will be filed with each child's enrolment for the duration of their time at kindergarten. The consent form includes a map of the local area boundaries of short walks and a list of preschool dates for the year.

Implementation

This policy is for implementation throughout the year.

Families will be asked to confirm that they have read and understood this policy by signing the information and consent form at the time of enrolment. The Short Walk Policy will be reviewed annually to meet the current needs of children.

Barker Kindergarten will ensure a risk management plan has been made for such short walks and is on display at the preschool. Staff will use the DECD Excursion Day Checklist to ensure the required checks are completed by staff and volunteers to ensure the safety of the children. All short walks will be in accordance with the camps and excursions guidelines for schools and preschools.

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