

Para Wirra Bush Kindy Policy

Links to the National Quality Standards:

- 1.1 The educational program enhances each child's learning and development.
- 1.2 Educators facilitate and extend each child's learning and development.
- 1.3 Educators and co-ordinators take a planned and reflective approach to implementing the program for each child.
- 2.1 Each child's health is promoted.
- 3.2 The service environment is inclusive, promotes competence and supports exploration and play-based learning.
- 3.2.3 The service cares for the environment and supports children to become environmentally responsible.
- 5.2 Each child is supported to build and maintain sensitive and responsive relationships
 - 5.2.1 Children are supported to collaborate, learn from and help each other.
- 6.1 Respectful relationships with families are developed and maintained and families are supported in their parenting role.
- 6.2 Collaborative partnerships enhance children's inclusion, learning and wellbeing.

The possibilities provided for deep learning in connection with the natural environment is a strong focus in our preschool curriculum.

Bush kindy sessions may be held on Wednesday mornings at Para Wirra Conservation Park.

Parents are encouraged to stay, work and learn alongside their children, but this is not compulsory.

Parents who have completed the appropriate RRHAN and volunteer training and hold the required working with children clearance may be rostered to support educators with the learning program and supervision. Parent/Caregiver support is fundamental to the success of the Bush Kindy program.

Educators at Bush Kindy will-

- Support and extend children's learning and curiosity within the natural learning environment
- Follow risk assessment and emergency plans
- Apply first aid when needed
- Encourage children to take appropriate risks, assess risk and explore.
- Provoke children to inquire, cooperate, collaborate and learn alongside other students
- Follow preschool the Interactions with Children and Behaviour Policy.

Families will-

- Provide their own transport to and from Para Wirra Conservation Park.
- Dress children appropriate to weather conditions and provide at least one change of clothes.
- Provide fresh water and healthy food in line with our Healthy Eating and Nude Food Policy
- Observe the 40km speed limit in the park.
- Communicate with Bush Kindy Educators upon arrival and departure and sign children in and out.
- Check weather for extreme Weather conditions (in extreme weather Para Wirra is closed, therefore the session will be held at kindy. One Tree Hill families will be notified before 8.30am via the Class Dojo app.

Please note If parents/caregivers are present at Bush Kindy, they hold the duty of care for their child/ren who are not currently enrolled in their eligible preschool year.

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