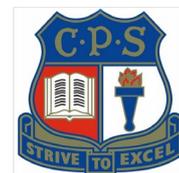


# Casino Public School - Djanenjam Preschool

## Localised Procedure

### Water Safety (including water-based activities)



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Education and care services regulation/s	NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines	<a href="#">Preschool Handbook</a> reference	School policy or procedure, where applicable
<u>Regulation 168 (2)(a) 25 (c), 101, 113</u>	The following department policy can be accessed from the preschool section of the department's <a href="#">website</a> ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Excursion Policy PD/2004/0010/V07</li></ul>	Children's Health and safety.  Pg. 41	

Regulation 168 states that a health and safety policy which includes water safety is required by all services and a risk management process undertaken (regulation 101).

Djanenjam Preschool promotes connectedness with nature and opportunities to explore and engage with a variety of natural materials such as mud and water within the outdoor environments. Preschool educators assess the risk to children when around water by ensuring:

- Water containers or water features that could be drowning hazards will be appropriately covered or inaccessible to children
- Educators will more closely supervise children when they are using water in their play or watering the garden and remain within arm's reach of the child
- Educators and the children will empty any water containers immediately at the end of the play session and store in a manner that prevents the vessel filling with water when not in use.
- As part of the morning outdoor safety check, before the children arrive, educators will check no rainwater has pooled in containers overnight
- Water troughs are filled to a safe level. These activities are supervised at all times and the water will be used to water garden after use.
- If a container of water is to be taken into the sand pit area, educators will pay particular attention to this area.

- Families will supply their child's own sealed drinking bottle of clean water each day.
- No child will be allowed to drink out of another's bottle. If this inadvertently occurs, staff will empty and thoroughly clean the water container before refilling it.
- A jug of clean water is available for children to access for drinking water at all times.
- No hot water will be accessible to the children in the preschool.
- Adults may carry hot drinks in an approved thermal mug with a lid so none can be accidentally spilt. Hot drinks must be consumed in a designated staff area.
- 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.
- First Aid and CPR requirements are met at all times.
- Families are provided with messages regarding safe water practices.
- Educators embed water safety messages into daily discussions with children.