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# Water Safety\_ASC

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## DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**MSSA:** Milkwood Steiner School Association  
**NQS:** National Quality Standard (ACECQA)

## PURPOSE

The safety and supervision of children in and around water at the Milkwood Steiner School After School Care is of the highest priority. This relates to water play, excursions near water, hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in the service environment. Children will be supervised at all times during water play experiences.

This policy is for considerations of water safety requirements in Milkwood Steiner School’s After School Care service, addressing:

- NQS 2.1.1** Each child’s health needs are supported
- NQS 2.3.2** Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury
- NQS 7.3.5** Service practices are based on effectively documented policies and procedures that are available at the service and reviewed regularly.

## POLICY STATEMENT

Children’s safety and wellbeing will be protected in and around water through supervision and prevention; and promoted through the availability of clean, hygienic water for play and for drinking.

Supervision and access to water within the service is managed effectively by staff to ensure children remain safe and healthy.

### The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Provide guidance and education to educators, staff and families on the importance of children’s safety in and around water.
- Ensure work, health and safety practices incorporate approaches to safe storage of water and play.

### Educators and staff will:

- Ensure water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level. These activities will be supervised at all times and containers or troughs will be

emptied onto garden areas after use. Children will be discouraged from drinking from these water activities.

- Teach children about staying safe in and around water.
- Empty buckets used for cleaning immediately after use. No buckets are left in play areas or accessible to children.
- Provide clean drinking water at all times. This water will be supervised to ensure that it is safe and hygienic for consuming. At the end of each day, the water container will be emptied and cleaned thoroughly. Filtered water will be provided from the kitchen for mealtimes.

### **Operational Safety**

- Grey water systems or water tanks are fenced and inaccessible to children. Water from the tank is utilised in the toilets only and not available for drinking.
- Hot water accessible to children will be maintained at the temperature of 43.5°C. Thermostatic valves to be tested and serviced annually by a plumber.
- A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. Particular attention will be focused upon water safety where the excursion is near a body of water.
- Water for pets at the setting must be changed regularly and only be accessible to children when adults are present.