

Safe Arrival of Children Policy



Policy Relevant to:	All Team members, Educators & Families
Policy linked to:	Safe Arrival of Children Procedure
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ECS National Law:	S165, S167, S175
ECS National Regulation:	r86, r99, r102AAB, r102AAC, r102C, r102D, r158, r160, r168, r170, r171, r172
NQS:	2.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 7.1, 7.1.2

Rationale

Under the Education and Care Services National Regulations, Education and Care Services must have policies and procedures in place for the safe arrival of children who travel to or from an education and care service premises [ACECQA, 2023]. This may include children traveling between Adventure Patch services and educational facilities such as an Outside School Hours Care service, preschool, school, family day care service or any other service which provides education and care to children.

Purpose

Adventure Patch aims to ensure the safe and secure arrival and departure of all children into our services who may be travelling to or from another early childhood service or education facility. We are committed to identifying and minimising risks and potential hazards to ensure children are not placed at risk of harm or hazard when travelling between other educational facilities and our services.

Implementation

The safety of children enrolled at Adventure Patch is paramount. Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury. Appropriate safety measures have been implemented through our comprehensive risk assessment process to ensure supervision is adequate at all times including when children are travelling between our services and an educational facility. We are advocates for children and have a strong commitment to child safety and establishing and maintaining a child safe environment.

Definition

An education or early childhood service includes a school, an education and care service (including Long Day Care, Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care), a children's service or any other service which provides education or care to children.

Examples of travel between education or early childhood services may include, but is not limited to:

- A child travelling from our service to school or from school to our service.
- A child travelling from our service to preschool/kindy or from the preschool/kindy to our service.
- A child travelling from our Service to an OSHC service or from the OSHC service to our service.

- A child travelling from our service to a FDC service or from the FDC service to our service.

Safe Arrival of Children Risk Assessment

Adventure Patch, in conjunction with educators of our services, will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment in order to identify any potential risk/s or hazards and ensure the safe arrival and departure of children who are travelling between our services and an educational facility.

Related Policies

Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisations Policy	Orientation Policy
Arrival and Departure of Children Policy	Transport Policy
Enrolment Policy	Supervision Policy
Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy	


Sources

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Review History

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Signed

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