



# Wesley Out of School Hours Care policy

## Community Participation

### 1. Purpose

Wesley Out of School Hours Care (Wesley OOSH) aims to have an active presence in the local community, seeks to strengthen community links and use community resources to meet the needs of local families and their children.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to the staff, Educators, children, families and visitors of Wesley OOSH as required by the following Regulations and Standards.

#### National Quality Standard

QA1	1.1.1	Curriculum decision making contributes to each child's learning and development outcomes in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators.
QA6	6.2.1	Continuity of learning and transitions for each child are supported by sharing information and clarifying responsibilities
QA6	6.2.2	Effective partnerships support children's access, inclusion and participation in the program
QA6	6.2.3	The service builds relationships and engages with its community

#### National Regulations (r) and National Law (s)

R73	Educational program
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#### My Time, Our Place

LO2	Children are connected with and contribute to their world
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### 3. Policy statement

Wesley OOSH as a vital community link providing care and education for the young people of the local community. We endeavour to be involved in local activities and support this through:

- The distribution of local information including events that relate to children and families
- Participating in community events including cultural, religious and environmental days
- Encourage visits from the local fire brigade, police services and other community groups to educate children about vital community services
- Organise excursions to local community facilities such as libraries, nature reserves retirement villages and other special community places of interest



In addition to this Wesley OOSH encourages children to input about events they would like to participate in.

Wesley OOSH values the contributions made by the local school and we continue to maintain these links as we believe it ensures successful transitions for our children between different care environments.

#### **4. Responsibility and policy owner**

The policy owner is the General Manager, Wesley Health, Conferences and Education. The owner is responsible for implementing the policy and achieving the desired outcomes. Wesley Out of Hours School Care staff shall adhere to this policy.

#### **5. Consultation & Approval**

This policy has been developed in consultation with key stakeholders including families and the community, the Head of Wesley OOSH, Area Manager/s, Wesley OOSH, Centre Coordinator/s, Wesley OOSH and the Quality, Risk and Compliance Coordinator, Wesley OOSH.

This policy has been approved by General Manager, Wesley Health, Conferences and Education.