

# The Kinder Garden



## Assessment and Rating under National Quality Standards Policy

### Aim

At The Kinder Garden, as part of the National Quality Framework we will be assessed and rated against the National Quality Standards. Our aim is to achieve the highest possible rating level within the National Quality Rating and Assessment process.

### Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011  
Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010  
Guide to National Quality Standards 2011  
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999

### Who is affected by this policy?

Educators  
Staff  
Families  
Child  
Management  
Visitors

### Implementation

Under the National Law The Kinder Garden will be assessed and rated against the National Quality Standards as it is a key focus of the National Quality Framework to promote continuous quality improvement.

There are five rating levels;

1. **Excellent** – Indicates that a service is excellent and is recognised as a service leader.
2. **Exceeds National Quality Standards** - indicates that a service is exceeding the National Quality Standard.
3. **Meets National Quality Standard** - indicates that a service is meeting the National Quality Standard
4. **Working Towards National Quality Standard** - indicates that a service is working towards the National Quality Standard
5. **Significant Improvement Required** – indicates that a service is not meeting the National Quality Standard and that the regulator is working closely with the service to immediately improve its quality (otherwise the service's approval to operate will be withdrawn).

#### Quality Improvement Plan

As part of the assessment and rating process the National Regulations require The Kinder Garden to have a quality improvement plan prepared which:

- Includes an assessment by The Kinder Garden of the practices of the service against the National Quality Standards and the National Regulations; and
- Identifies any areas that The Kinder Garden considers may require improvement; and
- Contains a statement of philosophy of the service.

#### Approved Learning Frameworks

The National Quality Standards are linked with national learning frameworks that recognise children learn from birth. The Kinder Garden supports:

- *Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia ('Early Years Learning Framework')*

This framework outlines practices to support and promote children's learning at The Kinder Garden.

Regulatory Authorities as set out by the National Regulations must:

- Review service information (compliance history, rating and assessment history)
- Review a service's current Quality Improvement Plan
- Visit the service to observe practice

Our Education and Care Service participates and values the Quality Improvement Planning and & the requirements of the National Regulations process of meeting the National Quality Standards.

Meeting the National Quality Standards provides standards of quality practices for the day to day care provided in our Education and Care Service. The system also allows staff to continually improve practices by identifying the quality aspects of care the Education and Care Service is already providing and assisting the Education and Care Service in developing goals for further improvement through a "Quality Improvement Plan".

The Centre will ensure that staff and management are informed about current practices and requirements in the National Regulations in order to meet the National Quality Standards process by attending appropriate in-service/training, accessing any other publications and information about the assessment and rating process.

Educators and other staff will involve parents, families and management in each stage to seek their input and views into practices and care in our Education and Care Service – this includes having parent input into policy reviews, parent meetings and providing updates in newsletters about the Education and Care Services current stage in the process.

**The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.**

## Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010  
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011  
Guide to National Quality Standards 2011  
NSW Department of Education & Communities  
[www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au) Retrieved: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

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**Date for next review:** January 2018