 

KOONAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL

**(a) (iii) Water Safety**

**(Including water-based activities)**

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| **Current** | March 2018 |
| **Next Review** | March 2019 |
| **Regulation(s)** | [Regulation 168 (2)(a)](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_reg/eacsnr422/s168.html)[Regulation 101](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2011/653/chap4/part4.2/div6/reg.101)[Regulation 103](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2011/653/chap4/part4.3/div1/reg.103) [Regulation 136](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2011/653/chap4/part4.4/div6/reg.136)  |
| **National Quality Standard(s)** | Standard 2.1Standard 2.2 |
| **Relevant DoE Policy and link** | [Student Health in NSW Public Schools: A summary and consolidation of policy PD/2004/0034/V01](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/student-health-in-nsw-public-schools-a-summary-and-consolidation-of-policy?refid=285776)[Excursion policy PD/2004/0010/V07](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/excursions-policy?refid=285776) -Implementation document: Excursion Policy Implementation Procedures |
| **Relevant School Procedure** |  |
| **DoE Preschool Handbook January 2016** | [Preschool Handbook – Water Safety: page 45](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/caddbee8-92ca-422b-a9df-cffdd34d5ccf/1/preschool-handbook.pdf)  |
| **Key Resources** | [**Kidsafe NSW-Water Safety**](http://www.kidsafensw.org/water-safety/)[**Kids Alive- Do the five**](https://kidsalive.com.au/)[**Public Schools NSW: Risk Management Plans**](https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/health-and-safety/risk-management/excursions-and-travel-health/risk-management-plans) |

* 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. If a container of water is to be taken into the sand pit area, educators will pay particular attention to this area.
* Educators and the children will empty any water containers immediately at the end of the play session, particularly larger trough-style containers.
* As part of the morning outdoor safety check, before the children arrive, educators will check no rain water has pooled in containers overnight.
* Taps will be fitted with safety locking devices so children can’t turn them on independently. Staff will ensure the tap is removed after use.
* Children will refrain from using their own drink bottles as a source water play.
* No hot water will be accessible to the children in the preschool, ie. The hot taps do not operate.
* Adults may not carry and consume hot drinks at all around the children. These are to be consumed in staff only areas such as the office and kitchen.
* 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.