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**Bush Kinder Identification & Visibility Policy**

NQS: Quality Area 2

**Purpose**

This policy aims to clearly define:

● Ways in which Bush Kinder participants are clearly visible to staff and volunteers, and clearly identifiable to other users of Station Street Wetlands Numurkah to protect the safety of all

participants

● Communication to onlookers and users of the park regarding the Bush Kinder program.

**Policy Statement**

1. Values

Numurkah Kindergarten is committed to:

● Providing a safe and healthy environment for children, staff and volunteers participating in the Bush Kinder program

● Being respectful of the community space that the Bush Kinder site offers, while always ensuring the safety of participants in response to external influences and risks

● Being respectful that members of the public may be interested in the Bush Kinder program but ensuring that the program is not interrupted by other park users.

**2. Scope**

This policy applies to children, parents, staff, committee members, authorised persons,

volunteers and students on placement working at Numurkah Kindergarten.

**3. Background and legislation**

Numurkah Kindergarten’s Bush Kinder program is conducted in community parkland which is

enjoyed by members of the public and allows dogs to be walked off lead in designated areas. It is important that children, staff, and volunteers participating in the Bush Kinder program are easily identified to each other and parkland users as a discrete group. It is also critical that children participating in the program are clearly visible to all staff and volunteers.

Relevant legislation may include but is not limited to:

● Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

● Education and Care Services National Law 2010

● National Quality Standards, including Quality Area 2 – Children’s health and safety

and Quality Area 3 – Physical environment

● Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

● Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007

**4. Sources and related policies**

Kindergarten policies

● Bush Kinder Delivery & Collection of Children Policy (Bush Kinder Specific)

● Bush Kinder Extreme Weather Policy (Bush Kinder Specific)

● Bush Kinder Protective Clothing Policy (Bush Kinder Specific)

● Bush Kinder Emergency Evacuation Policy (Bush Kinder Specific)

● Bush Kinder Snake Awareness Policy (Bush Kinder Specific)

● Bush Kinder Dog Awareness Policy (Bush Kinder Specific)

● 2.5 Incident, Injury, Trauma & Illness Policy (including First Aid)

● 2.10 Supervision of Children Policy

● 2.12 Excursion & Regular Outing Policy

● 2.15 Clothing Policy

● 2.16 Sun Protection Policy

● 2.17 Water Safety Policy

● 7.5 Occupational Health & Safety Policy

**Procedures**

General

The Committee is responsible for:

● Ensuring staff are appropriately trained in procedures for dealing with onlookers, dogs etc.

Staff are responsible for:

● Ensuring all children have the kindergarten contact number attached to their clothing.

● Requesting, in as diplomatic a fashion as possible, that interested onlookers move on so as not to disturb the education program underway, if necessary

● Identifying owners of dogs off lead and encouraging the owner to put the dog on a lead. Where the dog on lead comes into the Bush Kinder area, activating the procedures in the dog awareness policy.

Parents are responsible for:

● Reading and being familiar with the Bush Kinder and broader kindergarten policies

● Bringing relevant issues to the attention of both staff and committee.

**Evaluation**

In order to assess whether the policy has achieved the values and purposes the committee will:

● Seek feedback regarding this policy and its implementation with parents of children

participating in the Bush Kinder program. This can be facilitated through discussions and the annual centre survey

● Ask staff to share their experiences and observations in relation to the effectiveness of this policy

● Regularly review the policy and centre practices to ensure they are compliant with

any new legislation, research, or best practice procedures.

**Authorisation**

Endorsed by the Numurkah Kindergarten Committee of Management on 17th October 2023.

**Review Date**

This policy will be reviewed every two years and is next due for formal Committee review in

2025, unless deemed necessary earlier.