



Update

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Early Childhood Services

Skin Cancer Prevention and Sun Protection – Preparing for the Summer Months

Early childhood services have a responsibility to implement skin cancer prevention and sun protection strategies in the interests of child and staff health and welfare. With summer fast approaching, it's a good time to prepare for the summer months by reviewing your sun protection policy, conducting a shade audit to ensure there is adequate shade in children's play spaces, and considering the scheduling of outdoor activities to minimise exposure during peak UV radiation times. You should also ensure that you have adequate mechanisms in place for skin protection for children and adults, including clothing, hats and sunscreen. For more information go to Cancer Council SA <https://www.cancersa.org.au/> and Kidsafe SA <http://www.kidsafesa.com.au/>.

First Aid Qualifications

A reminder that under the Education and Care Services National Law, staff in education and care services are required to have current first aid qualifications approved by ACECQA. This includes the following three required elements: approved first aid qualification, current approved anaphylaxis management training and emergency asthma management training. A list of approved qualifications can be found at: www.acecqa.gov.au/Qualifications.aspx.

You also need to know how long your qualification is valid for or if there are any additional requirements that keep it valid, for example updating the CPR component every 12 months. Staff with all three approved first aid qualifications and training must be in attendance during all parts of the day, including breaks, and you must have contingency plans in place for educator illness or leave. Alternatively, the three required elements as outlined above can be provided by three different staff members present at the same time. The relevant fact sheet can also be found on our website: www.esb.sa.gov.au.

Stakeholder Engagement

In September, a session was delivered to around 60 OSHCsa members at St Pious X Out of School Hours Care service at Windsor Gardens. The session was customised to meet the specific needs of the OSHC sector and a further session will be delivered to southern OSHCsa members in October. On Friday 21 September, Chief Executive, Chris Chatburn presented to members of the Australian Childcare Alliance, South Australian branch at their Annual General Meeting. Chris shared insights regarding key aspects of her role and how she has led the Education Standards Board through a significant period of change over the past two years.

Did you know?

As of 1 September, South Australia has 1176 approved services. There is a fairly even spread of Preschools, Long Day Care and Out of School Hours Care services, with a small number of Department for Education Family Day Care schemes.

Early Childhood Services & Schools

Child-safe environments

Many organisations adopt a best practice approach to training and require all staff and volunteers to complete (and keep up to date) training in responding to suspected child abuse or neglect. Further information can be found in the Guidelines for mandated notifiers and information for organisations can be accessed here: [Obligations of mandatory notifiers](#).

Keeping Children Safe from Bullying Conference- Monday 5 November [Read more](#) or [Register](#)

The Department for Education is developing an overarching anti-bullying strategy to be released in 2019 that will strengthen anti-bullying responses for teachers, students and parents. Attend the conference to hear from leading international and Australian researchers, who will be exploring community approaches to address bullying. Attendees can nominate to be a part of a consultation workshop to be held on the following day.

Schools:

What is a school campus?

For school registration purposes a campus must have the same governing authority as the registered school, meet all criteria in the Standards and be physically separate from the registered school.

Consistent naming conventions on the Schools Register

In 2019, we will adopt the naming conventions of ACARA. [Campus naming conventions](#).

Schools will be listed as either, School Single Entity, Multi-campus, Head campus and Sub-campus. This is for registration purposes only and schools may continue to use the term 'campus' to identify different areas within their site if they choose.

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