



SITE BEHAVIOUR CODE

At Coromandel Valley Kindergarten we believe that everybody has a right to feel safe and valued. At our site, staff in partnership with parents, children and the Governing Council will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment. We respect that children are individuals with different levels of social and communication skills. We believe that unacceptable or challenging behaviour is a form of communication and that children have the right to appropriately express their feelings. We recognise that in some situations a child, other children or staff may be at risk. Our goal is to help children develop into considerate and effective learners who will be aware, self-disciplined and contributing group members.

Staff will seek to ensure physical and emotional safety by supervising children and designing and implementing appropriate programs and procedures. We minimise challenging behaviours at our site by developing consistent responses as a staff team and in consultation with parents.

The behaviours we encourage include
Caring and consideration for others, their learning and belongings
Seeking support and assistance
Sharing and turn taking
Co-operation
Respectful listening
Safe play and safe interactions
Inclusive play
Confidence
Problem solving
Conflict resolution using words
Persistence
Optimism
Learning together
Being friendly
Using our hands and feet as tools not weapons
Using language to distinguish between behaviours that are cooperative or interfering

Ways we maximise positive behaviours include
Teaching protective strategies & social skills
Setting and communicating clear boundaries
Involving children in setting behavioural expectations
Using positive language
Modelling positive behaviour
Providing opportunities to practice appropriate behaviour & social skills
Providing immediate feedback to children
Being responsive to external factors which may impact on children's wellbeing, e.g. illness
Treating children as individuals
Working together to use a consistent approach
Encouraging families to contribute ideas and experiences
Engaging DECD support services as required



Inappropriate behaviour is anything which interferes with learning and that which does or may hurt someone or something. Specifically, bullying and harassment in any form is not accepted. We expect all members of our community to support, respect and protect the rights of others to participate, work and learn in a safe environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, violence, or abuse in any form. Further information about this can be obtained from the DECD website:

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/childrensservices/pages/policies/NQFpolicies/>

The Site Behaviour Code is revisited annually to ensure that staff are conversant with its content and are able to apply it in practice. The annual review will also ensure the code reflects current theory and changes to the preschool community.

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