

# **Flinders Children's Centre & Tji Tji Wiltja Preschool**

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## **Water Safety Policy**

Children need opportunities to develop their understanding of the natural environment. Experiences with water encourage active exploration and discovery of the environment. Knowledge of potential hazards associated with water assists educators to provide a safe, stimulating environment for kindergarten children.

### **At Flinders Children's Centre and Tji Tji Wiltja Preschool:**

- Children are taught about the safe use and safe play with water.
- Children are adequately supervised at all times when having access to any water hazards e.g. temporary pond, water trough, buckets.
- Where a water vessel e.g. water trough or bucket is used for water play by children, the vessel is emptied immediately after use and stored in a manner that prevents it from filling with water when not in use.
- The playground is inspected each week for water hazards occurring through rain.
- When children are taken on an excursion where there is a significant water hazard, educators conduct a risk assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 100 and 101 of the *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*.
- Children have safe independent access to clean and cool drinking water at all times.

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