

Water Play Risk Assessment

Darlington Activity Centre

Risk Rating Key

!! **Very High**

! **High Risk**

Medium Risk

* **Low Risk**

Ongoing activity in School holidays throughout 2025

Address: Darlington Activity Centre, Cnr Abercrombie & Golden Grove Streets DARLINGTON NSW 2008

Proposed Activities: Children Playing water games such as: water gun play, hose play, bucket play, water balloon games, water fights, and slip n slide.

Proposed Area: Basketball Court, Lower Playground and Cola Area (Outside Hall).

Number of Children attending: max 40

Number of Educators: Minimum 3

Educator to child Ratio, including whether this activity warrants a higher ratio: 1 educator: 15 children.

Checklist: -

- First aid Kit / Emergency Trolley
- Signs and notices
- Walkie Talkies
- Safety Checklists

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On enrolment for Vacation care			Families are informed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ About our water play rules and requirements (outlined on our website). ○ Children must have packed on the day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closed in Shoes that children can run in and get wet (will need to pack a second “dry” pair of shoes). ▪ Rashy shirt or T-shirt to cover shoulders for sun protection. ▪ Towel and change of clothing 	Service Coordinator	On enrolment for Vacation Care
Water Play games and activities	Medical conditions such as grommets	# Medium Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents/Guardians will be asked to inform us if there are any conditions we need to know about in relation to their child and water play. ○ A list will be compiled of all children with any medical conditions which may affect water play and distributed to all staff so that they are aware of any issues affecting the children. It will include all wishes/instructions that parents and Guardians have 	Parents / Guardians Service Coordinator	On Enrolment Prior to Holiday period

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Cont. from pg. 1			<p>outlined to manage condition (e.g.–grommets–ensure child wears earplugs). This list will be made available to all educators prior to activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All educators are to familiarise themselves with above list and which children need to be assisted on the day and ensure family instructions are followed. 	All Educators	Prior to water play activities
Water Games – Bodies of water	Drowning - Child falling into bucket/container with water	!! Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educators will always remain with children when using containers for water play. • Containers for water play will be emptied immediately after each use, turned upside down or packed away. • Safety Checklist will be completed for each Session – play areas will be checked each morning/afternoon to ensure no containers with water or pools of water are accessible to children. 	All Educators Responsible Person / Educators	Ongoing throughout the day Morning and afternoon.
Water Play Games and activities	- Trips, slips, falls – sprains, fractures, bruises	! High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educators are to ensure Safety Checklist is completed for area. ○ Children instructed in the rules and boundary areas for the activity, as well as the service rules of “Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be respectful” rules. ○ Children unable to follow set rules or playing in a dangerous manner may be asked to leave the activity. ○ Activity will be set up in area away from other non-water based activities being run to reduce the risk of children running into each other. 	Responsible Person / Educators Educators	Morning and Afternoon prior to games and activities taking place. Ongoing throughout the day.
Water Play Games and Activities Cont. from pg. 2	<p>Areas with bindis, sticks, broken glass, needles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cuts, grazes, puncture wounds - Needle Stick injuries 	<p># Medium Risk</p> <p>! High Risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If area has obstruction or hazard, Educator must be able to remove before commencement of activity. ○ If unable to remove obstruction or hazard, Educator must cordon off and report to Responsible Person. ○ Hazard Report and Maintenance log completed and forwarded to appropriate person to be actioned. ○ Children must be wearing shoes when engaging in water play – as advised to families on enrolment and this is to be enforced by educators throughout the day/activity – no bare feet permitted. 	All Educators All Educators	Prior to water play commencing Ongoing throughout water play experiences

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Water Play - Slip n slide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trips, slips, falls – sprains, fractures, bruises - Bumps - Cuts, grazes 	<p>! High Risk</p> <p># Medium Risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slip n slide to be set up in an area that is clear from hazards – all sticks, rocks etc are to be removed from around and under the slip n slide. - If unable to remove obstruction or hazard, Educator must cordon off and report to Responsible Person. Hazard Report and Maintenance log completed and forwarded to appropriate person to be actioned. ○ Rules will be explained to children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - only 1 child at a time to go down the slide. Children to wait for go from educator. Educator to assist child out of pool area if needed. - While waiting children are to stand in a line on one side. Entry and Exit points to be clearly explained to the children for the activity. - Children are to access the equipment barefoot. Shoes to be lined up neatly in area designated for placing shoes. - No running around or near the slip n slide area. - Children not following the rules or educators instructions will not be permitted to participate. ○ Educator to position themselves in an area to be able to supervise effectively (PAT). ○ Educators to consistently enforce the rules outlined to the children. 	<p>Responsible Person / Educators</p> <p>Responsible Person / Educators</p> <p>All Educators</p>	<p>Prior to commencement of activity</p> <p>Prior to commencement of activity</p> <p>Throughout the duration of the activity</p>
Water Play – Games / Activities / Slip n slide Cont. from pg. 3	Exposure to sun sunburn, sunstroke and dehydration	<p>! High Risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educators are to check the UV before the children play. If the UV is 3 and over educators are to ensure they are all wearing hats and sunscreen. ○ Children are to have on shirts/Rashi’s that cover shoulders – if they do not have a hat and rashi they are not able to participate. ○ Children are provided with water breaks for hydration. ○ Sunscreen is to be applied beforehand with enough time to sink in (at least 20 minutes) and reapplied as 	<p>All Educators</p> <p>All Educators</p>	<p>In morning on day of activity</p> <p>Ongoing Throughout the day</p>

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			required every 2 hours (with drying time to allow skin absorption).	All Educators	Ongoing Throughout the day
Water Play Day			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educator Trained in First Aid on site at all times. ○ Fully stocked First Aid kit available in Emergency Trolley and in store room. 	Nominated Supervisor	Throughout the day
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