

Children's Health & Safety

Dental Policy.

Our Vision.

To give every child **the best start in life.**

Our Mission.

To deliver high quality childcare and exciting learning opportunities for every child, giving them a head start as they prepare for school.

Our Values.

- Care** We take care of the children entrusted to us and our dedicated staff. All are appreciated and diversity is valued.
- Quality** We maintain the highest standards in care and safety and provide exceptional early years education.
- Service** We provide exceptional service and are integral to supporting parents bringing up children.
- Value** We provide outstanding value for our families.



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NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS (NQS)	
QUALITY AREA 1 - Educational Program and Practice	
1.1 - Program	1.1.3 - Program Learning Opportunities
1.2 - Practice	1.2.1 - Intentional Teaching
QUALITY AREA 2 - Children's Health and Safety	
2.1 - Health	2.1.1 - Wellbeing and Comfort
	2.1.2 - Health Practices and Procedures
	2.1.3 - Healthy Lifestyle

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW AND REGULATIONS	
Part 6	Operating an Education and Care Service (Law - 167, 168)
Part 4.1	Educational Program and Practice (Reg - 73, 74, 75, 76)
Part 4.2	Children's Health and Safety (Reg - 77, 78, 79)
Part 4.7	Governance and Leadership (Reg - 168)

RELATED POLICIES	
Educational Program Policy Health and Hygiene Policy	Nutrition and Food Safety Policy

PURPOSE

Busy Bees Early Learning Australia aim to promote children's general wellbeing by creating an environment that supports healthy dental and oral health habits and practices that can be maintained throughout a child's life. We will provide food and drinks with consideration to the sugar content and ensure children always have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day and after meals.

SCOPE

Children, Busy Bees Employees, Management, and Families

POLICY

Busy Bees Early Learning Australia believe it is important for all children to practice a high level of dental hygiene and will follow the guidelines of the Australian Dental Association and State Government Health Departments when caring for children's teeth.

To minimise the risk of cavities forming, we encourage children to eat nutritious foods and to avoid sticky and sugary foods. All food served and prepared at our Services comply with these guidelines by providing a variety of recommended vegetables, fruit, and dairy products.

Busy Bees will adhere to recommendations from organisations such as *Munch and Move* and *Get Up and Grow*, and recognised authorities, and engage with dental professionals to enhance the inclusion of dental education into the Service and everyday programs.

All employees will ensure children have access to fresh drinking water and will encourage them to drink water throughout the day and after all meals.

We provide information and guidelines on good dental health practices, which are implemented into daily routines, including providing information about brushing teeth and teeth friendly snacks and drinks, going to the dentist, and encouraging children who are capable to rinse their mouth through the swish and swallow technique after mealtimes if there is no tooth brushing program in the Service. Services implementing tooth brushing will have an approved program and children will be encouraged to brush their teeth after meals.

Children will not be put to bed or into a cot with a bottle, all bottles must be consumed before a child or baby is put to bed under supervision. Where appropriate, water will be offered to the child before going to bed. Dummies will not be dipped in any substance prior to being given to a child.

Busy Bees will ensure compliance with first aid qualifications ensuring a qualified employee is always on duty to follow appropriate procedures in the event of dental accidents and emergencies. We will endeavour to record on enrolment the name, address, and phone number of each child's dentist.

SOURCES

[ACECQA](#)

[National Quality Standard](#)

[Education and Care services National Regulations](#)

[Education and Care Service National Law Act 2010](#)

[Early Childhood Australia](#)

[Australian Dental Association](#)

[Qld Health - Happy Teeth Program](#)

[Raising Children Network](#)

[Healthy Kids - Munch and Move](#)

[Get Up and Grow](#)

VERSION CONTROL

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years and/or in line with legislation and organisation requirements.

Version	Date	Owner	Responsibility	Change Description
1	01/10/2023	Chief Pedagogy & Safeguarding Officer	Policy Development Officer	Replace all previous versions

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