



## Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup

### Quality Area 2 - Children's Health and Safety

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Muswellbrook Preschool has established a supported Playgroup for families in our community to come together and establish supportive connections with others in our community.

Our supported Playgroup will be a play based Early Childhood Education environment for children. It will allow families opportunities to make connections with other community services, socialise with other families and participate with their children in playgroup activities and events.

#### **Muswellbrook Preschool Kindergarten will implement the following:**

##### **Educators**

Educators at Muswellbrook Preschool will implement a play-based program for children aged between 0 and 5 years and support families in being a part of this program for a 2 hour period 1 day per week during the school term. Educators will work with community groups to provide supportive information about services and events within our local community.

##### **Sign in**

Families will need to sign into Preschool using the QR code, they will then need to sign into Playgroup using the sign in sheet.

##### **Families**

Families will need to register and complete a registration form at the Muswellbrook Preschool Office before commencing their first session of Playgroup.

Families will attend the weekly playgroup session with their child/children and supervise their child during the playgroup session. If a parent or carer cannot keep a child in their sight (e.g. while breast feeding) please seek help from the Preschool Educator. Families will be respectful of other families using respectful language when engaging with children and other adults. Families will use positive reinforcement when disciplining children and never strike a child or children in your care or attempt to discipline someone else's child while participating in play group sessions. Families will be encouraged to participate in the play group program activities with their child/children.

##### **Baby Corner**

Play group will have a dedicated baby corner where parents with babies can interact with each other in a safe space within our Play group area.

##### **Food and Drinks**

Hot drinks can be consumed in a coffee cup with a lid, nut free food will be able to be in our play group spaces. Preschool will provide a small fruit platter, slice/biscuits etc for morning tea and water will be available. Families will be encouraged to bring their own morning tea to consume each week.

##### **Smoking**

Muswellbrook Preschool and surrounding areas is a smoke free environment.

## **Social Media**

Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup will have a closed private Face book page for families that are registered with our playgroup. This will be used as a form of communication and correspondence between Muswellbrook Preschool play group Educator and families. Families will need to acknowledge that they have given permission for their child/children to be on social media on the registration form. Families will not share or tag any photos of other children or post photos of other children on any social media. All comments on social media will be positive and respectful language always used when responding to communications or posts from the play group. It is illegal to post images of a child on social media without the parents' consent. Families will not take photos of other children without consent from each child's parent / carer while at Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup.

## **Health and Immunisation**

Muswellbrook Preschool supports the NSW Public Health Act 2010. We will require all children to be up to date with their individual immunisation and that parents or carers be double vaccinated for COVID. Parents and children with known infectious illness, visible symptoms of illness or feeling unwell, should not attend playgroup. If the play group Educator feels that a parent or child displays symptoms that are signs of infectious illness, they will respectfully request them to withdraw from the playgroup session and return when well. Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup will follow health orders and guidelines for all infectious illness. This includes COVID, where at times, if parents/carers or children have been in contact with or have had COVID they will need to produce a negative COVID test or isolate for 14 days before returning to Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup.

## **Inclusion**

Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup will welcome all children and families to our supported playgroup. Our playgroup will not discriminate on basis of gender, race, disability, religion, sexuality, or gender identity. All families will be welcomed, respected, and included in all aspects of our play group program.

## **Parking and entrance**

Muswellbrook Preschool Playgroup will be run in our Amaroo classroom located at the Hill View Avenue Entrance. All families will be asked to Enter via the Hill View Avenue gate and Park in the adjoining street Carl Street, if you are driving a vehicle.