

TELEVISION AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY - DRAFT

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POLICY STATEMENT

OSHC will provide a television and technology free environment during Before School Care. For After School Care and Vacation Care, the children have limited time allowance for television and technology.

PROCEDURES

1. The television and technology policy relates to DVD's, electronic games and computers. These will not be permitted during Before School Care, with the exception of appropriate music being played.
2. Television and technology will be restricted to 3 days per week, alternating between DVD's, electronic games and computers between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Due to wet weather or school events, a movie may be played outside these hours.
3. OSHC computers may be used every afternoon for homework. Initial time 15 minutes per student, time may vary based on the number of students requiring access during the afternoon.
4. During Vacation Care there will only be short allocated time slots for TV and Technology usage per day. This will be based around number of students and the planned activities for the day.
5. No personal electronic devices, gaming consoles, music devices or iPads to be brought from home during Before and After School Care, unless strictly for homework usage. No social networking sites are to be accessed,(ie: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.)
6. During Vacation Care, personal devices are allowed if the games and music are appropriate, and are permitted during allocated technology times.
7. Staff cannot take responsibility for personal electronic devices, gaming consoles, music devices or iPads that children bring with them from home. Devices will be stored in the office when not in use.
8. Movies and games played at OSHC will be of the G Rated classification. On occasion a PG rated movie may be played if the supervisor deems the classification appropriate for the children in attendance.

REFERENCES

1. **Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority - Education and Care Services National Law 2011**
2. **Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011**
3. **Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority National Quality Standard**