



### **Rationale**

We believe children learn inside and outside and in the 'real' world. Being out with community to discover more about their world is a key part of the learning programme for children at Wattle Park Kindergarten.

### **Aims**

The aims of the Wattle Park Kindergarten's short walk policy are to promote among children, and parents:

- Confidence that the staff have undertaken appropriate risk/benefit analysis, including the determination of appropriate staff/adult to children ratios, of any proposed short walk.
- Appropriate ratios with children will be maintained on the walk and at the kindergarten for the duration of the walk.
- Short walks include any excursion by children outside the kindergarten gate that does not include any type of motorised transport. (They may include, but are not limited to a walk to the letter box, a local park or shops)
- Where possible parents will be informed via note near sign in folder before the short walk occurs.
- Signed permission for short walks from at least one parent will be sought upon enrolment and the permission form will be filed with each child's enrolment for the duration of their time at kindergarten.

### **Implementation**

This policy is for implementation throughout the year.

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