



Policy: Media

Background: As part of the quality program Stepping Stones Child Care Centre provides we have devised the following procedures so that media may be used as an additional educational tool. The guidelines behind this policy are that media experiences will not have a negative impact on children.

Media Classification: Television, radio, CDS, DVDS, computers, magazines, photos and behind the news topics etc, may be used by the Centre to enhance children's learning, appreciation and relaxation. Media classification used at our centre will be; C for Children, P for Preschool and G for General viewing. Any materials containing violence, guns, offensive language or sexual references will not be displayed.

- Educational stimulus may improve a child's knowledge of the world. The influence on children from media can be powerful by stimulating children's physical, mental and developmental health.
- Stepping Stones Child Care Centre deems suitable media as; documentaries, sporting events such as the "Olympics", musical and dance based programs or DVD's, Preschool based programs like "Playschool", child based news programs similar to "Behind the News", music suitable for rest periods and children's music or storytelling based CD's etc.
- The types of media staff use will be chosen according to the appropriateness for children, educational value and linkages to room programs.
- The media is based on suitable time frames, devised according to the age group of children. Children may be exposed to a maximum of half an hour television time on any day and this may be reduced depending on children's interest.
- The developmental benefit of a television program is to be displayed on each rooms program if it is watched that day.
- Media experiences will be encouraged to be joined in as a group; however a range of other experiences and resources will be available for the children at the same time.
- The staff and children in the over 3 year old rooms will discuss and evaluate what they have listened to or viewed, to establish opportunities for extension.
- Special occasion television viewing must be approved by the Centre Director before viewing occurs.
- Time assigned for television viewing may be used in the occurrence of prolonged bad weather.

- Specific programs may be chosen to be viewed and discussed with children relating to or extending on particular programmed experiences.

The element of Media in the Stepping Stones Child Care Centre program allows for various mediums for children to learn and may also allow for some quiet, still thought processing time.

Source:

- www.racp.edu.au
- www.youngmedia.org.au

This policy relates to the following QIAS Principles:

Principles 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 & 5.2

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