Dental Health **procedure**

**Purpose**

To provide a safe and healthy environment for all children and staff at the services. Our services recognise the importance in establishing and reinforcing effective dental health care practices for each child.

**To whom it applies**

Educators and children

**Related policies and legislation**

Education and Care Services National Law

Education and Care Services National Regulations

**Procedure**

1. The Nominated Supervisor will ensure staff, parents are provided with appropriate, consistent and current information on the development and maintenance of good oral health for the early childhood.
	1. The service will display and regularly provide dental health information and resources as it becomes available for all families.
	2. Parents will receive information on healthy food to provide for children
	3. Only milk and water will be provided for children to drink.
	4. Water will be available at all times and children will be encouraged to drink regularly
2. Dental Hygiene programs will be implemented ensuring they inform:

2.1 children about food and nutrition

2.2 staff about safe food handling

2.3 children and staff on how to wash their hands with soap before handling food or eating

2.4 children about oral health

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/145503/ht_26_31.pdf>

2.5 children about tooth brushing

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