

Birthday Policy

Quality Area 2 Children’s Health and Safety

Standard 2.1.3 Healthy eating and physical activity are promoted and appropriate for each child

Quality Area 6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

Standard 6.2.2 Effective partnerships support children’s access, inclusion and participation in the program.

Birthdays are a special occasion for children and parents and we acknowledge the excitement children feel when it is their birthday. Educators enjoy making this day special for children and will help celebrate the occasion.

At Kardinia Childcare and Kindergarten, we believe:

- The Early years of life are critical in establishing nutritional sound food attitudes and habits.
- That effective learning about healthy eating must be supported in all aspects of the learning environment.
- In the promotion of the healthy weight of children.
- In supporting children with food-related dietary needs and allergies.
- Learning programs should be inclusive of the socioeconomic, cultural and spiritual perspectives of the community.
- The focus of a birthday celebration is the child.

As the majority of the treats brought in for children to share for birthday celebrations are not recommended foods for an educational setting, it has been decided that there will be NO sharing of food/treats for birthdays from January 2015.

Procedure

- Families are not permitted to bring birthday cakes or sweets into the centre.
- Each classroom has a wooden celebration cake giving each child the opportunity to celebrate their birthday with their peers.
- A camera may be left with the educators to take photographs of your child on their special day.
- Educators are aware and make alternate arrangements if families would prefer that their child does NOT participate in such celebrations.
- If this is the case, we will respect the rights and feelings of this child and will provide an alternative experience for them to participate in so that they do not feel that they are being left out.

Review

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties will review this policy annually.

Policy Reviewed	Modifications	Next Review Date
December 2017	Updated the National Quality Standards references to comply with revised standards.	December 2018