LOCAL WALKING EXCURSIONS

Throughout the year we take the opportunity to make the most of the spaces in our Spotswood community. Educators take the children on regular walking outings around the local area when we can (weather permitting), visiting places such as Donald McLean Reserve, Scienceworks, the local shopping centre and surrounding streets etc to extend on the children's learning.

Regular Outings

When planning a regular outing our educators consider how the outing supports the educational program and contributes to the outcomes outlined for each child to support their learning and development.

A child must not be taken outside the education and care service unless authorisation has been obtained by the child's parent or other person named in the child's enrolment record.

Risk assessment

A risk assessment will identify and assess the risks that the outing may pose to the safety, health or wellbeing of any child, including strategies for minimising and managing these risks. A risk assessment has been completed for our regular outings and is located at the service for you to view, please ask an educator if you would like to read the details.

<u>Purpose of the Outings</u>: to explore the local community, the parklands, participate in sporting activities, practice our emergency evacuation plan extend on the children's educational program and visit the local schools and streets for transition purposes.

Area that may be visited during the regular outings include: Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood Primary School, Hudson's Road shops and local streets; all of which are highlighted on the map below.

Outings will be flexible depending on the program and will happen only in session times as follows: Monday – Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Frequency: When planned as part of the educational program.

The minimum ratio of educators to children will be 1 adult for every 11 children.

Parent Authorisation for Local Walking Excursions

I am mindful of the additional risks that may be present and understand that a risk assessment has been completed and that I am able to view this at the service.

I understand that all regular outings are generally conducted on the day and at the times specified above.

Educators will notify me prior to each outing with the details about when and where my child will be going and the details of the experiences, they will be involved in.

Please select "Yes" in XAP to acknowledge that you have read and consent to this policy.

