

4.2.1

Professional collaboration

Management, educators and staff work with mutual respect and collaboratively, and challenge and learn from each other, recognising each other's strengths and skills.



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Section 5. Exceeding Standards: Embedded Practice (Nominated Supervisor)

Identify exceeding practice or implement how to become exceeding.

Assess your practice first.

Read the below description and evaluate it in relation to your practices.

Exceeding – Embedded Practice

Our approach to collaboration aligns with our service philosophy and code of conduct by maintaining professionalism and respect in all interactions. We prioritise continuous improvement, value every educator's ideas regardless of experience, and cooperate to achieve high-quality outcomes. By sharing the latest research and recognised guidance, we ensure our practices reflect the highest standards and work effectively as a cohesive team to improve children's learning experiences.

If you are doing similar practices to the example, use the below question to help you write your 'exceeding practice for embedded' description so you can add it to your QIP or SAT (NSW only).

For Exceeding the QIP and Self-Assessment Tool (SAT)
Please discuss how your approach to professional collaboration, and that of your team, is consistent with your service Philosophy, and code of conduct or ethics.

If you and your educators need to learn how to achieve exceeding – embedded practice, proceed here and do below.

The following section outlines the steps to ensure you are exceeding in Embedded Practice. If you have already successfully completed the previous section demonstrating how you are exceeding in Embedded Practice, you do not need to complete this section.

Look at the words in detail to identify what is exceeding.

Please discuss how your approach to professional collaboration, and that of your team, is consistent with your service Philosophy, and code of conduct or ethics.

There are two parts of the question above, here is how we can look at each part.

Part 1: Approach to Professional Collaboration

Explanation: This means how you and your team work together with others in a respectful and cooperative manner. It involves sharing ideas, skills, and responsibilities to achieve common goals. Your approach to collaboration reflects your way of interacting with colleagues, being open to feedback, and contributing positively to team efforts.

Part 2: Alignment with Service Philosophy and Code of Conduct/Ethics

Explanation: This refers to making sure that the way you collaborate professionally matches the core values and principles of your organisation. Your service philosophy outlines the goals and beliefs of your work, while your code of conduct or ethics sets the standards for your behaviour. Aligning your collaboration approach means that the way you work together is in line with these values and standards, ensuring consistency and a shared **commitment to the organisation's mission.**

In simple terms, the statement is asking how your teamwork style fits with your organisation's guiding principles and rules, and whether your collaboration reflects those values in action.

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It is important to ensure that we make it **very clear how these above concepts have created change in your service.**

Please discuss how your approach to professional collaboration, and that of your team, is consistent with your service Philosophy, and code of conduct or ethics.

Respectful Interactions and Communication

Our service philosophy emphasises respect and professionalism in all interactions. Our team practices this by maintaining open, respectful communication during meetings, discussions, and daily interactions. We listen to each other's viewpoints and provide constructive feedback, ensuring all team members feel valued and heard, consistent with our code of conduct, which promotes a positive and inclusive workplace culture.

Focus on Continuous Improvement

Aligned with our philosophy of fostering growth, our team regularly engages in reflective practices to assess and improve our teaching methods. We use feedback from colleagues, families, and our own observations to refine our approaches. This commitment to ongoing improvement is a core element of our ethical guidelines, which advocate for professional development and striving for excellence in our service delivery.

Inclusive Decision-Making and Valuing Diverse Perspectives

Our philosophy and code of ethics emphasise the importance of inclusivity and recognising diverse contributions. In practice, our team ensures that all educators, regardless of their experience level, are involved in decision-making processes. We encourage sharing of ideas from all team members, fostering a culture where different skills, backgrounds, and experiences are valued and utilised to enhance our service.

Collaborative Problem-Solving

Consistent with our ethical commitment to teamwork and collaboration, we use a joint approach to problem-solving. When challenges arise, our team comes together to brainstorm solutions, drawing on each other's strengths and expertise. This practice aligns with our philosophy of working cooperatively towards

common goals and reflects our code of conduct's emphasis on mutual support and collaboration.

5. Commitment to High-Quality Learning Outcomes

Our service philosophy prioritises high-quality educational experiences for all children. To uphold this, our team regularly reviews and shares the latest research and recognised best practices. We integrate these insights into our planning and teaching, ensuring our approach remains current and evidence-based. This practice is consistent with our ethical standards, which emphasise a commitment to excellence and evidence-based practice.

Your turn. Select a point from above and break it down into the subsections.

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