TITLE Children in the Library

DESCRIPTION Guidelines for managing the children of staff who are in the Library

TARGET AUDIENCE Townsville Health Library staff

The Child Protection Act 1999, Chapter 1 Preliminary, Part 3, Division 1, defines “A child as an individual under 18 years.”

During opening hours, the parent should seek permission of library staff to bring a child into the library.

Children in the library must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

The library has few physical hazards, however it is a quiet study area. Rooms E1.008 or 009 are suitable rooms for a child to pursue a quiet activity however these rooms need to be booked in advance. Nevertheless, it is unreasonable to expect a child to remain quiet for extended periods. The parent must ensure that other library patrons are not disturbed otherwise the child must be removed.

The parent or guardian must ensure the child does not access or use Queensland Health resources, such as telephones, computers, the Internet, photocopiers or other office/clinical equipment.

Library patrons who are disrupted by children in the library after hours are encouraged to report the matter to library staff at the earliest opportunity.