Do Schools need to comply?

Yes - if your school operates an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service.

OSHC services are required to meet the new national standards from 1 January 2012. You are advised to refer to the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board (EECSRSB) and the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) websites below.

Conditions of compliance:

In SA OSHC services are regulated by the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board (EECSRSB). The South Australian Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011, incorporating the Education and Care Services National Law (South Australia), provides the legislative base for this regulatory system in South Australia.

National registers containing service details are maintained on the ACECQA website.

Each OSHC service is required to develop a Quality Improvement Plan against 7 quality areas described in the National Quality Framework. Services are assessed and rated against the National Quality Standard and Education and Care Services National Regulations by the EECSRSB. They will receive a rating against each quality area, as well as an overall rating. The results of this assessment are published on the mychild.gov.au website. OSHC services are required to display their Service Approval and Assessment Rating where it can be seen by parents.

The EECSRSB also plays a monitoring role in ensuring compliance with the National Law and as such may pay unannounced visits to your service.

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

You must meet quality standards in the areas of:
1. Educational program and practice.
2. Children’s health and safety.
3. Physical environment.
4. Staffing arrangements.
5. Relationship with children.
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities.

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

If your OSHC service does not achieve a satisfactory standard you will be required to undertake improvements and be could be subject to compliance action as described by the Regulations.

Useful links:

Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board
Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority
DECD - OSHC Resources and Tools