

Flinders Children's Centre & Tji Tji Wiltja Preschool

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QUALITY AREA 7: SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Enrolment and Orientation

DECD Preschool Enrolment Policy

The Department for Education and Child Development is responsible for providing preschool education programs in a range of government funded centres including Kindergartens, school-based Preschools (formerly known as Child Parent Centres), integrated centres and Early Childhood Development Centres. These centres provide sessional preschool for eligible children, and where possible, unfunded programs to support young children such as pre-entry sessions, emergency care and playgroups.

Eligible enrolments

The Flinders Children's Centre offers the following programs to children who are eligible enrolments for funding purposes:

1. Children aged appropriately according to DECD Same First Day policy (Children who turn 4 years old before 1st May can begin Kindergarten in Term 1 of that year; Children who turn 4 years old on 1st May or after can begin Kindergarten in the following year in Term 1) are entitled to attend a preschool program for the equivalent of up to 15 hours per week for up to 40 weeks (4 terms) prior to entering formal schooling. **Proof of age will be required upon pre-enrolment with birth certificate evidence - nothing else accepted as of 2017.**
2. Children who are Aboriginal or under the Guardianship of the Minister for Education and Child Development are entitled to attend preschool from the age of 3 years. The child can attend up to 12 hours per week which then increases to 15 hours once the child turns 4 years of age. The child is also entitled to continue attending the Preschool program until 6 years of age.
3. Approved early entry or extended enrolment: The Director may negotiate early entry or extended enrolment when:

-additional time at preschool is likely to significantly improve a child's learning and developmental outcomes

-the preschool has the capacity within its current resources and consultation has occurred between the Director, staff, parents and, where applicable, personnel from the region, such as Preschool Support Program, Bilingual Support Program, and/or other specialist agencies.

These enrolments are to be counted as eligible enrolments for funding purposes, however where a service is experiencing enrolment pressures, children enrolled under Early Entry or Extended Enrolment will take second priority to other eligible enrolments.

Allocation of Days:

Staff to ask parents to give a preference of their preferred days, but also made aware that if these days are not available they will be automatically allocated into the other days.

Timelines:

Staff will inform parents of these timelines when taking pre-enrolment information:

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