

BERMAGUI PRESCHOOL



1.10 Priority of Access

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Aim

This policy has been developed to ensure that Bermagui Preschool complies with the Priority of Access Guidelines set by Family Assistance Law and defined by NSW State Government Funding Agreements. Failure to meet these Guidelines is a breach of the conditions of continued approval for receiving Child Care Benefit and State Government funding.

Bermagui Preschool will follow the Priority of Access Guidelines at all times when enrolling children. The waiting list application will reflect these guidelines to ensure that care is provided to families using these priorities.

Strategies

Bermagui Preschool will use the Priority of Access Guidelines to prioritise the waiting list and to allocate available education and care places to families.

- Priority 1: children at risk of harm
- Priority 2: children in their year before school (with the highest priority given to children closest to school entry) to enable up to 600hrs
- Priority 3: any other child.

Within these three priority categories, precedence should also be given to;

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
- Families which include a person with a disability
- Families on lower incomes
- Families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Socially isolated families
- Single parent families

Children who are ineligible for enrolment;

- Children who are not immunised and not on a recognised catch-up schedule

Enrolment termination;

- In accordance with Bermagui Preschool's Fees Policy, non-payment of fees may result in the loss of a child's placement at Bermagui Preschool

Outside School Hours Care;

- Outside school hours care (OSHC) is primarily for children enrolled in our Preschool and Long Day Care programs. If vacancies exist in the OSHC program, places will be offered in accordance with the above guidelines.

Evaluation

All enrolments will strictly adhere to the Priority of Access Guidelines to ensure equity and consistency for the community.

Relevant Legislation

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.
 National Quality Standard 2010: Elements: 6.1.1, 6.3.3, 7.3.2
 Child Care Benefit (Eligibility of Child Care Services for Approval and Continued Approval) Determination 2000 (subsection 2051 Family Assistance (Administration) Act)
 Priority of Access Guidelines for child care services
 Department of Education and Communities Funding Agreement
 Family Assistance Law

Resources & References

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations –
 Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs – Child Care Service Handbook 2011-2012
 Department of Education and Communities/ Early Childhood education and Care - www.det.nsw.edu.au/what-we-offer/early-childhood-education-and-care

Relevant Documentation

3.01 Enrolment and Orientation
 2.06 Confidentiality
 4.18 Child Protection
 3.03 Fees

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