

Mitcham Preschool Centre Priority of Access Policy

In the interest of effective management of the Mitcham Preschool Centre and the well being of the children and parents of the Preschool community, it has been necessary to introduce a Priority of Access Policy. This policy sets out clear and well-defined criteria as a guide for enrolments.

Statement of Intent:

The policy intentions are that:

- the administration of enrolments is fair and equitable;
- the safety of children and quality of education is maintained during periods of high enrolment demand;
- members of the local community have priority access to their local preschool; and
- The Preschool operates within its stated capacity.

CRITERIA

Admission to the Preschool will be in order of the following priorities:

1. Children whose family circumstances require special consideration (as per DECD Southern Adelaide Region Priority of Access Guidelines and have a residential address in the designated area (outlined in 2. below).
2. Children who have a residential address in the designated area which includes Hawthorn, Colonel Light Gardens, Westbourne Park, Lower Mitcham & Kingswood..
3. Children cared for in the designated area (outlined in 2. above) by Hawthorn Child Care Centre, family day care and family carers.
4. Children whose siblings have previously attended the Preschool.
5. In the event that places are available after offers have been completed on the above criteria, priority will be given to remaining families based on the date that the application is received.

The Director has the discretion, at any time, to consider other family circumstances in addition to the above criteria.

Approved: Governing Council Chairperson

Approved: Mitcham Preschool Director