

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;
- Follows DECD policy in line with first and second round offers, defined by the area in which the family lives and
- The Preschool operates within its stated capacity.

CRITERIA

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

1. First round offers will be made in August of each year to families who have a residential address in the local catchment area.

Boundaries are (as indicated on the attached map – area highlighted in blue)

- Cross Rd (Southern Side from corner Belair Rd)
- Good wood Rd, (Eastern side)
- Piccadilly Circus, The Strand (Colonel Light Gardens)
- Prince George Rd, Murray St (Lower Mitcham)
- Belair Rd (Western side to corner of Cross Rd)

This will include, Children whose family circumstances require special consideration (as per DECD Implementing a Priority of Access Guidelines) and have a residential address in the local catchment area

2. Second round offers will be made in September of each year, to families who live outside the local catchment area. This offer will include families who live outside the local catchment area and are cared for in the local catchment area including
 - Hawthorn Child Care Centre
 - Family members eg grandparents
 - family day care
3. Second round offers will be made to families who have live outside the local catchment area, and whereby, siblings have previously attended the Preschool.
4. 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.

Approved: Governing Council Chairperson

Approved: Mitcham Preschool Director

