Preschool Enrolment Policy

Eligible Preschool Enrolment

Children are entitled to four terms of preschool in the year before they start school.

Proof of age must be presented on enrolment. One of the following documents will be accepted in this regard:-

- Passport
- Birth certificate
- Official Centrelink documentation with child’s name and birthdate

A child must turn 4 years of age before May 1st, to begin preschool in that year.

If a child’s birthday is between 1st January and 1st May (ie the child is still 3 yrs old ) the parents may decide to delay preschool start until the following year. The child will still be under 6 for school start the following year and may benefit from not starting so young.

DECD policy states that children are only eligible for one year at preschool. Following this they must enrol at school.

Children turning 4 on or after May 1st must wait until the following year to begin preschool.

Exceptions

Aboriginal children or children under the guardianship of the Minister may begin preschool after their third birthday for 12 hours per week.

Early Entry for children with special rights (disability, developmental delay, gifted development, or children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds) may be granted through special negotiations with the Director and Early Years Leader. Eligible children may begin 2 terms earlier than normal and attend for 3 hours per week in the first term and 6 hours per week in the second term.

Pre-entry

Pre-entry may be provided in the term before a child is eligible to begin preschool if the centre has the ability (staff and capacity) to do this. This will be at the discretion of the Director and will be for one session per week.

School Start

Children are required to enrol in school by six years of age.
New Enrolments

Parents of new students are encouraged to attend the information meeting in Term 4.

New students enrolling at Kimba Community Kindergarten will receive a package including the following information:-

- Preschool Enrolment form
- Child Profile sheet
- Behaviour Policy
- Healthy Eating Policy
- Parent Information booklet
- Permission forms
- Bank Application pack
- Bushfire Information

Children and parents will be given a tour of the kindergarten with time to discuss routines, family involvement and for everyone to become acquainted if necessary.

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