YANKALILLA COMMUNITY CHILDRENS CENTRE

PRIORITY of ACCESS

Yankalilla Community Children’s Centre (YCCC) is a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) rural integrated site. It operates a Long Day Care program, a DECD preschool program and a community playgroup. YCCC is licensed for a maximum of 65 children at any given time.

As a DECD rural integrated site - DECD Preschool Children have first priority to “centre places”. (Up to a maximum permitted by allocated DECD staffing). Childcare children have second priority and playgroup children have third priority.

When demand for childcare places exceeds supply, the Yankalilla Community Children’s Centre is required to adhere to the Australian Government’s Priority of Access Guidelines for allocating childcare places.

Priority 1 – a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect
Priority 2 – a child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work, training, study test under section 14 of the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999
- Priority 3 – any other child

Within these main categories priority should also be given to the following children:
- Children in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
- Children in families which include a disabled person
- Children in families on low incomes
- Children in families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Children in socially isolated families
- Children of single parents

When the demand for childcare places exceeds supply and the centre is required to implement the priority of access guidelines written above, the centre will give 7 days notice of cancellation in writing to the most recently enrolled priority 3 child, according to the date on the child’s enrolment form.

Priority of Access guidelines and its implications will be explained to all parents at enrolment and enrolments will be recorded as priority 1, 2 or 3. As with all information provided at enrolment, it is the responsibility of parents to notify the centre if their priority rating changes.

WAITING LISTS
Waiting lists will be established for parents who are unable to obtain their sessions of choice due to demand exceeding supply and implementation of the priority of access guidelines.

Waiting List Ranking:
Priority 1 children – a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect
Priority 2 children - a child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work, training, study test under section 14 of the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999
Priority 3 children - who have lost their permanent booking due to implementation of priority of access guidelines
Priority 3 children - ranked according to the date of their request.
If a parent chooses not to accept a vacancy offer, the vacancy will be offered to the next parent on the list. If a parent declines the vacancy their position on the waiting list will be maintained.

Source:
Department of Education; Child Care Service Handbook 2013 – 14
Yankalilla Community Children’s Centre 2009 Governing Council

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