Priority Of Access Policy

1. Universal Access
From January 2012, children enrolled at the kindergarten will be eligible to attend 5 sessions of 3 hours each per week. Children may attend two full consecutive days when the kindergarten's capacity allows for it.

2. Capacity
Eden Hills Kindergarten's capacity is determined by
- the physical space of the building
- the number of children's toilets
- educator numbers

Eden Hills Kindergarten's capacity is 30 children attending at each session. When the kindergarten is close to capacity, this Priority of Access Policy will be used to offer the remaining enrolment places.

3. Priority of Access Criteria
The following criteria have been formulated to determine which children have priority for any vacancy at Eden Hills Kindergarten.

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1. Children living in the immediate local area (ie with a post code of 5050), known as the priority catchment, will have first priority.
2. If the number of enrolments meeting criteria 1 exceeds capacity: children who meet the first criteria and one or more of the following indicators will have the following priority:

- Children who are at risk
- Children of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Families
- Children under the guardianship of the Minister
- Children of non-English speaking background
- Children who have a disability
- Children in families which include a person with a disability
- Children cared for in the designated postcode area by a family day care provider, day care centres or family careers.
- Children who live in the designated area and do not have access to a vehicle
- Children who have had a sibling attend Eden Hills Kindergarten
- Children who are enrolled to attend a major feed school of the kindergarten

When all the children with a 5050 postcode have been placed at the kindergarten, children with a 5051 postcode can be considered following the same Priority of Access criteria. When all the children with a 5051 postcode have been placed, children with other postcodes can then be considered.

4. Waiting List
Children will be placed on the waiting list until a vacancy is available as determined by the Priority of Access criteria.

5. Special Circumstances
The Kindergarten's Director may use their own discretion in extenuating circumstances.

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