

WOODSIDE PRESCHOOL



Priority of Access Procedure

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Woodside Preschool is a Department for Education preschool and as such is not zoned.

In South Australia, the majority of children enrolled in a preschool will live within the preschool local catchment area. Acceptance into a particular preschool is subject to the preschool's capacity and available resources. Priority consideration will be given to children living within the preschool's local catchment area.

- A child in care can access and enrol at any government preschool regardless of their home address.
- Aboriginal children or children in care who are enrolled and attending preschool from their 3rd birthday (12 hours per week) can remain enrolled at their current preschool to access their full preschool entitlement (15 hours per week), in the year that they turn 4 years of age. These children are included in the preschool's enrolment cap for the entirety of their enrolment.

Applications from local families (round 1 offers)

If more registrations of interest for a preschool are received from families living in the preschool local catchment area than available places, a priority order may be applied. Places will be offered based on whether any, all or a combination of the following applies:

1. the child identifies as Aboriginal and/or has previously been in care
2. the child has been granted enrolment due to special or extenuating circumstances – in consultation with the Local Education Team
3. other considerations, such as:
 - the distance of the child's residence from the preschool (kms by road)
 - the length of time the child has lived in the preschool local catchment area
 - the child has siblings currently enrolled in the school or service
 - the family currently attends programs at the service.

Applications from non-local families (round 2 offers)

Early childhood leaders in consultation with leaders will identify available preschool options within the partnership to accommodate all children unplaced after the first round of enrolment offers.

A child who cannot be offered a place within their local preschool and is directed by the partnership to a nearby preschool must be prioritised for placement over other non-local families. In circumstances where the preschool has reserved places, a reserved place must be offered.

If the preschool has places available after enrolling local children, children in care and families referred by the partnership, places may be offered to children living outside of the preschool local catchment area.

When more registrations of interest for preschool are received from families living outside of the preschool local catchment area than available places, places will be offered based on the following priority order:

1. the child identifies as Aboriginal and/or has previously been in care
2. the child has been granted enrolment due to special or extenuating circumstances – in consultation with the Local Education Team
3. other considerations, such as:
 - the distance of the child's residence from the preschool (kms by road)
 - the child has siblings enrolled in a local school
 - transportation needs
 - the family currently attends programs at the service