Introduction

This policy has been developed to ensure the education and care service complies with the Priority of Access Guidelines set by Family Assistance Law and defined by NSW State Government Funding Agreements.

Goals – What are we going to do?

Kemblawarra Public School, Preschool will follow the Priority of Access Guidelines at all times when enrolling children.

Kemblawarra Public School, Preschool will ensure that the waiting list application will reflect these guidelines to ensure that care is provided to families using these priorities.

Strategies - How will it be done?

Utilize the Priority of Access Guidelines to prioritise the waiting list and to allocate available education and care places to families.

The Priority of Access Guidelines are set by Family Assistance Law. These are:

• **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 three priority categories, precedence should also be given to children in:
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
• Families which include a person with a disability
• Families on lower incomes
• Families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
• Socially isolated families
• Single parent families

The Priority of Access Guidelines followed by Kemblawarra Public School Preschool are:
• Children who are at risk of harm
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
• Children from low income families
• Children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
• Children with disabilities
• Children in their year before school (with highest priority given to children closest to school entry)

Kemblawarra Public School Preschool endeavours to meet the needs of the children and families in our community while complying with the above guidelines.

Evaluation

All enrolments will strictly adhere to the Priority of Access Guidelines to ensure equity and consistency for the community.

Links to National Quality Standards/Elements: 6.1.1, 6.3.3, 7.3.2

* Acknowledgement to Community Child Care Co-operative (NSW).