



# NARNIA EARLY LEARNING

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(Administered by St. Philip's Christian Education Foundation Ltd.)

## PRIORITY OF ACCESS PROCEDURE

### Introduction

This policy has been developed to ensure Narnia Christian Preschool and Early Childhood Centre complies with the *Priority of Access Guidelines* set by *Family Assistance Law* and defined by *NSW State Government Funding Agreements*. Failure to meet these Guidelines is a breach of the conditions of continued approval for receiving Child Care Benefit and State Government funding.

### Aim

Our centre will follow the *Priority of Access Guidelines* at all times when enrolling children. The waiting list application will reflect these guidelines to ensure that care is provided to families using these priorities.

### Implementation

The centre will use 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* followed by Long Day Care and Outside School Hours Care services 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
- Teaching Staff of St Philips

We will endeavour to meet the needs of the children and families in our school and community while complying with the above guidelines.

*This policy links to the following:*

*National Quality Standards: 6.1.1, 6.3.3, 7.3.2*

*Education and Care Service National Regulations 2011: 157*

*Child Care Benefit Determination 2000 (subsection 2051 Family Assistance (admin) Act)*