

ENROLMENT AND ORIENTATION POLICY

Mandatory – Quality Area 6

PURPOSE

This policy will outline:

- the criteria for enrolment at Deep Creek Preschool
- the process to be followed when enrolling a child at Deep Creek Preschool
- the basis on which places within the programs will be allocated
- procedures for the orientation of new families and children into Deep Creek Preschool
- processes to ensure compliance with legislative and DET funding requirements in relation to the enrolment of children in early childhood education and care services.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. VALUES

Deep Creek Preschool is committed to:

- equal access for all children
- meeting the needs of the local community
- supporting families to meet the requirements for enrolment through the provision of information
- maintaining confidentiality in relation to all information provided on enrolment forms
- ensuring all families are welcomed and receive an effective orientation into the service.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to the Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor, Certified Supervisor, educators, staff and parents/guardians who wish to enrol or have already enrolled their child at Deep Creek Preschool.

3. BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATION

Background

The *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011* require approved services to have a policy and procedures in place in relation to enrolment and orientation (Regulation 168(2)(k)).

It is intended that all eligible children (refer to *Definitions*) will have access to one year of kindergarten before commencing school. However, a shortage of places in some areas can limit choices for parents/guardians. Where demand is higher than availability, a priority system for access must be determined by the Approved Provider in order to allocate the available places. The criteria used to determine the allocation of places will vary from service to service, but is generally based on a service's philosophy, values and beliefs, and the provisions of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2012*. The Victorian Government requires funded organisations to ensure that their policies and procedures promote equal opportunity for all children. Criteria for access and inclusion are outlined in *The Kindergarten Guide* (refer to *Sources*). Services participating in central enrolment schemes are required to comply with the enrolment procedures of that scheme.

Childcare services providing approved care (refer to *Definitions*) must abide by the *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Rebate) Act 2011* (refer to *Legislation and standards*) and the Commonwealth Government's *Priority for allocating places in child care services* (refer to *Sources*).

Immunisations are an effective means of reducing the risk of vaccine preventable diseases. Early childhood education and care services which are regulated under the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* have legislative responsibilities under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act*

2008 to only offer a confirmed place in their programs to children with acceptable immunisation documentation (refer to *Definitions*).

Legislation and standards

Relevant legislation and standards include but are not limited to:

- *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*
- *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*(Vic), as amended 2011
- *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*(Vic),as amended 2011
- *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*(Vic),as amended 2012
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*(Cth)
- *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010*
- *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*: Regulations 160, 161, 162, 177, 183
- *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*(Vic)
- *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Rebate) Act 2011*
- *National Quality Standard, Quality Area 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities*
 - Standard 6.1: Respectful and supportive relationships with families are developed and maintained
 - Element 6.1.1: There is an effective enrolment and orientation process for families
- *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* (Vic)
- *Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (No Jab, No Play) Regulations 2015* (Vic)
- *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth)

The most current amendments to listed legislation can be found at:

- Victorian Legislation – Victorian Law Today: <http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/>
- Commonwealth Legislation – Federal Register of Legislation: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/>

4. DEFINITIONS

The terms defined in this section relate specifically to this policy. For commonly used terms e.g. Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor, Regulatory Authority etc. refer to the *General Definitions* section of this manual.

Acceptable immunisation documentation: documentation as defined by the *Immunisation Enrolment Toolkit for early childhood education and care services* as acceptable evidence that a child is fully vaccinated for their age, or is on a recognised catch-up schedule if their child has fallen behind their vaccinations; or has a medical reason not to be vaccinated; or has been assessed as being eligible for a 16 week grace period.

Approved care: Care given by a service provider that has been approved by the Family Assistance Office to receive Child Care Benefit payments on behalf of eligible families. Most long day care, family day care, before-and-after school care, vacation care, some occasional care and some in-home care childcare services are approved providers. Details are available at www.familyassist.gov.au/payments/family-assistance-payments/child-care-benefit/

Authorised nominee: (In relation to this policy) is a person who has been given written authority by the parents/guardians of a child to collect that child from the education and care service. These details will be on the child's enrolment form.

The National Law and National Regulations do not specify a minimum age limit for an authorised nominee. Each service will need to consider a risk assessment on an individual basis to determine if a person under the age of 18 is able to be an authorised nominee and, if so, what constitutes the minimum acceptable age at that service.

Child Care Benefit (CCB): A Commonwealth Government payment to help families who use either approved or registered childcare services. All eligible families can receive some Child Care Benefit. Details are available at www.familyassist.gov.au/payments/family-assistance-payments/child-care-benefit/

Children with additional needs: Children whose development or physical condition requires specialist support, or children who may need additional support due to language, cultural or economic circumstances (refer to *Inclusion and Equity Policy*).

Deferral: When a child does not attend in the year when they are eligible for a funded kindergarten place, or is officially withdrawn from a service prior to the April data collection. DET considers that this child has not accessed a year of funded kindergarten and is therefore eligible for DET funding in the following year.

Eligible child: A child attending an early childhood education and care service as described in the *Immunisation enrolment toolkit for early childhood education and care services* or a child in a kindergarten program who meets the requirements of both *The Kindergarten Guide* and the *Immunisation enrolment toolkit for early childhood education and care services*.

Enrolment application fee: A payment to cover administrative costs associated with the processing of a child's enrolment application for a place in a program at the service.

Enrolment application form: A form to apply for a place at the service.

Enrolment form: A form that collects contact details, and personal and medical information from parents/guardians about their child. The information on this form is placed on the child's enrolment record (see below) and is kept confidential by the service.

Enrolment record: The collection of documents which contains information on each child as required under the National Regulations (Regulations 160, 161, 162) including the enrolment form; details of any court orders; and immunisation documentation as specified in the *Immunisation Enrolment Toolkit for early childhood education and care services*. This information is kept confidential by the service.

Fee: A charge for a place within a program at the service.

5. SOURCES AND RELATED POLICIES

Sources

- Australian Childhood Immunisation Register: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-childhood-immunisation-register
- Child Care Benefit (Eligibility of Child Care Services for Approval and Continued Approval) Determination 2000: www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2006B01541
- *Guide to the Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*: www.acecqa.gov.au/
- *Guide to the National Quality Standard*: www.acecqa.gov.au/
- *Priority for allocating places in child care services*: <http://education.gov.au/priority-allocating-places>

- *The Kindergarten Guide (Department of Education and Training):*
www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/kinderfundingcriteria.aspx
- *Immunisation enrolment toolkit for early childhood education and care services 2015:*
www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/immunisation-enrolment-toolkit
- Victorian Department of Health: www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Service policies

- *Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisations Policy*
- *Complaints and Grievances Policy*
- *Dealing with Infectious Disease Policy*
- *Fees Policy*
- *Inclusion and Equity Policy*
- *Privacy and Confidentiality Policy*

PROCEDURES

The Approved Provider is responsible for:

- determining the criteria for priority of access to programs at Deep Creek Preschool, based on funding requirements and the service's philosophy (refer also to Attachment 1 – Eligibility and priority of access criteria)
- considering any barriers to access that may exist, developing procedures that ensure all eligible families are aware of, and are able to access, an early childhood program
- complying with the *Inclusion and Equity Policy*
- appointing a person to be responsible for the enrolment process and the day-to-day implementation of this policy (refer also to Attachment 2 – General enrolment procedures and Attachment 3A & B – Sample enrolment application forms)
- providing opportunities (in consultation with the Nominated Supervisor and educators) for interested families to attend the service during operational hours to observe the program and become familiar with the service prior to their child commencing in the program
- providing parents/guardians with information about the requirements of the law for enrolment, locating and accessing immunisation services and obtaining acceptable immunisation documentation required for enrolment
- ensuring parents/guardians are only offered a tentative place until the child's immunisation documentation is assessed as being acceptable
- assessing the child's immunisation documentation **prior to enrolment** to determine if the child's vaccination status complies with requirements or whether the child is eligible for the 16 week grace period
- ensuring that only children who have acceptable immunisation documentation have a confirmed place in the program
- advising parents/guardians who do not have acceptable immunisation documentation that their children are not able to attend the service and referring them to immunisation services (see Attachment 4 – Letter for parents/guardians without acceptable immunisation documentation)
- taking reasonable steps to obtain acceptable immunisation documentation from a parent/guardian of a child enrolled under a grace period within the 16 weeks from when the child begins attending (Note: the child can continue to attend the service if acceptable immunisation documentation is not obtained).
- ensuring that the enrolment form (refer to *Definitions*) complies with the requirements of Regulations 160, 161, 162 and that it effectively meets the management requirements of the service

The person responsible for the enrolment process is accountable for the following:

- providing enrolment application forms (refer to Attachment 3A & B – Sample Enrolment Application Forms)
- collating enrolments
- maintaining a waiting list
- collecting, receipting and banking enrolment fees
- offering places in line with this policy and criteria for priority access, and providing relevant paperwork to families in accordance with this policy
- providing a monthly report to the Approved Provider regarding the status of enrolments and any difficulties encountered
- storing completed enrolment application forms in a lockable file (refer to *Privacy and Confidentiality Policy*) as soon as is practicable
- complying with the *Privacy and Confidentiality Policy* of the service
- providing a copy of the *Enrolment and Orientation Policy* with the enrolment application form
- collecting immunisation history statements with applications.

The Nominated Supervisor, Certified Supervisor and other educators are responsible for:

- reviewing enrolment applications to identify children with additional needs (refer to *Definitions* and the *Inclusion and Equity Policy*)
- responding to parent/guardian enquiries regarding their child's readiness for the program that they are considering enrolling their child in
- discussing the individual child's needs with parents/guardians and developing an orientation program to assist them to settle into the program
- encouraging parents/guardians to:
 - stay with their child as long as required during the settling in period
 - make contact with educators and carers at the service, when required
- assisting parents/guardians to develop and maintain a routine for saying goodbye to their child
- sharing information with parents/guardians regarding their child's progress with regard to settling in to the service
- discussing support services for children with parents/guardians, where required.

All educators are responsible for:

- responding to enrolment enquiries on a day-to-day basis and referring people to the person responsible for the enrolment process, as required
- providing parents/guardians with information about the requirements of the law for enrolment, locating and accessing immunisation services and obtaining acceptable immunisation documentation required for enrolment
- developing strategies to assist new families to:
 - feel welcomed into the service
 - become familiar with service policies and procedures
 - share information about their family beliefs, values and culture
 - share their understanding of their child's strengths, interests, abilities and needs
 - discuss the values and expectations they hold in relation to their child's learning
- providing comfort and reassurance to children who are showing signs of distress when separating from family members
- complying with the service's *Privacy and Confidentiality Policy* in relation to the collection and management of a child's enrolment information.

Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- reading and complying with this *Enrolment and Orientation Policy*
- completing the enrolment application form and the enrolment form prior to their child's commencement at the service and providing acceptable immunisation documentation of their child's immunisation status
- where a child is on an immunisation catch-up schedule, ensuring that the child's immunisations are updated in line with the schedule and providing acceptable immunisation documentation to the service
- ensuring that all other required information is provided to the service
- updating information by notifying the service of any changes as they occur.

Volunteers and students, while at the service, are responsible for following this policy and its procedures.

EVALUATION

In order to assess whether the values and purposes of the policy have been achieved, the Approved Provider will:

- regularly seek feedback from everyone affected by the policy regarding its effectiveness
- monitor the implementation, compliance, complaints and incidents in relation to this policy
- keep the policy up to date with current legislation, research, policy and best practice
- revise the policy and procedures as part of the service's policy review cycle, or as required
- notify parents/guardians at least 14 days before making any changes to this policy or its procedures.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Eligibility and priority of access criteria
- Attachment 2: General enrolment procedures
- Attachment 3A & 3B: Sample Enrolment Application Forms
- Attachment 4: Letter for parents/guardians without acceptable immunisation documentation

AUTHORISATION

This policy was adopted by the Approved Provider of Deep Creek Preschool on 22/11/18.

REVIEW DATE: SEPTEMBER 2019

ATTACHMENT 1

Eligibility and priority of access criteria

1. Eligibility and priority of access criteria for the funded kindergarten program (four year old)

The following children are eligible for attendance in the funded kindergarten program:

- children who have been granted approval to receive funding for a second year of kindergarten in accordance with *The Kindergarten Guide* available at: www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/kinderfundingcriteria.aspx
- children who were eligible to attend in the previous year, but:
 - deferred
 - withdrew from the service prior to the April data collection
- children who turn four years of age by 30 April in the year they will attend kindergarten
- children turning six years of age at kindergarten who have been granted an exemption from school-entry age requirements by the regional office of DET (refer to *The Kindergarten Guide*, available at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/default.aspx>)
- children who are younger than the eligible age, but whose parents/guardians have submitted an early age entry request for their child to attend school the following year. This written request is to be directed to the regional office of DET, or the non-government school the child will be attending. A copy of the approval must be attached to the kindergarten application. Parents/guardians should note that very few requests are approved by DET. If the child attends kindergarten early, but does not proceed to school in the following year, they will be unable to access a second year of kindergarten unless they are deemed eligible by DET for having recognised developmental needs
- three-year-old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children known to Child Protection may be eligible for the Early Start Kindergarten program. This scheme provides funding to enable children to attend a kindergarten program that is planned and delivered by an early childhood teacher for a specific number of hours. Details are available at: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/learningdev/pages/earllystartkinder.aspx

When demand exceeds availability, the Approved Provider will refer to the service's values, philosophy and *Inclusion and Equity Policy* to determine the priority of access. This will include:

- children who have received funding for a second year of kindergarten
- children who were eligible to attend in the previous year but deferred or withdrew from the service prior to the April data collection.
- priority of access criteria as outlined in *The Kindergarten Guide* available at: www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/kinderfundingcriteria.aspx

Other considerations may include date of application, siblings already enrolled at the service, attendance in the three-year-old program and local community zoning.

If participating in a central enrolment scheme, the priority of access for that scheme will be implemented. Childcare services providing approved care (refer to *Definitions*) must abide by the *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Rebate) Act 2011* (refer to *Legislation and standards*) and the Commonwealth Government's *Priority for allocating places in child care services* (refer to *Sources*).

2. Eligibility and access criteria for the three year old kindergarten program

Children are eligible for attendance in the three-year-old program provided they have turned three on or before the 30th April of the year they would attend preschool and provided that they cannot attend

the program before they turn three. The full term fee will be payable regardless of the date of actual commencement in the program.

When demand exceeds availability, preference will be given to older children who turned 3 before the 31st of January of the year they would attend preschool.

Children will only be able to attend a second year of three-year-old kindergarten in exceptional circumstances (after consideration by the Approved Provider) or when all eligible children on the waiting list have been offered a place. The decision for children to repeat 3 year old kinder is at the discretion of the Director.

The Approved Provider must determine eligibility and access criteria applicable to the service. Considerations may include:

- children recommended by an educator for an additional year in the three-year-old program
- date of application and enrolment fee received
- siblings attending the service. Children whose siblings attended the Preschool in the past year/s and have lodged an application by the 30th of March the year prior to attending.
- places allocated by the service for transient families e.g. RAAF, seasonal workers and tourism workers
- local community zoning
- exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Director and Committee who shall both agree.

3. Allocation within groups

Where the service provides more than one funded kindergarten program or three-year-old program, places within the programs will be allocated to groups by the service in line with the eligibility and priority of access criteria.

Considerations may include:

- Needs of individual children
- Needs of the group
- Parental wishes.

ATTACHMENT 2

General enrolment procedures

1. Application for a place

- Enrolment applications will be accepted any time after the child has turned 2 years of age.
- Enrolment application forms are available from the service and are provided to the parents/guardians together with information about the requirements of the law for enrolment, locating and accessing immunisation services, obtaining acceptable immunisation documentation and a copy of the *Enrolment and Orientation Policy*.
- To receive priority, enrolment can be made from the month of the child's 2nd birthday. Places will be allocated according to the receipt date of enrolment in relation to that child. This way a child cannot be discriminated against because of the month in which their birthday is due. Enrolments will not be accepted before this time.
- It is preferred that a child for either three or four year old preschool be toilet trained, or toilet training has commenced before they attend. This is that children be able to take themselves to the toilet without prompting and with little assistance from staff.
- Enrolment application forms are available from the service or online at www.deepcreekpreschool.org.au
- A separate application form must be completed for each child, and for each proposed year of attendance at the service.
- To facilitate the inclusion of all children into the program, enrolment applications should clearly identify any additional or specific needs of the child (refer to *Inclusion and Equity Policy*).
- Parents/guardians of children applying for a second year of funded kindergarten or currently attending a three-year-old program must also submit an enrolment application form for the following year.
- A copy of the child's official birth certificate or passport must be submitted with all applications.
- A copy of a child's official immunisation history statement must be submitted with all applications. All applications must be accompanied by an enrolment application fee of \$20 for three year old and four year old or a \$15 enrolment application fee for one group only. This fee is to cover administrative costs associated with the processing of a child's enrolment application and is not refundable. Should parents require a receipt to confirm that their application has been received, they should provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Cash cannot be accepted, therefore the preferred method of payment is EFT Transfer (your child's full name must be stated as the reference) made payable to **Deep Creek Pre School Inc. BSB: 033-028 Account Number: 310-108. Cheque or Money Order are also acceptable.**
- Completed enrolment application forms, together with payment or proof of payment are to be forwarded to the Enrolments Officer, Deep Creek Preschool 510 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East 3109 or e-mailed to deepcreekenrolments@gmail.com
- Access to completed enrolment application forms will be restricted to the person responsible for the enrolment process, the Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor and educators at the service, unless otherwise specified by the Approved Provider.
- Applications will be entered on the waiting list using the eligibility and priority of access criteria.

2. Closing dates for enrolment applications

The closing dates for enrolment applications are:

- 30th April 2019 for children to attend the 4 year old funded kindergarten program in 2020
- 30th April 2019 for children to attend the three-year-old program in 2020.
- 30th April 2020 for children to attend the 4 year old funded kindergarten program in 2021
- 30th April 2020 for children to attend the three-year-old program in 2021.

3. Applications will be considered after these dates if positions are still vacant

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after all other applicants have been offered a place, in line with the eligibility and priority of access criteria of Deep Creek Pre-School.

4. Allocation within groups

Where the service provides more than one funded kindergarten program or three-year-old program, places within the programs will be allocated by the service in line with the eligibility and priority of access criteria. Parents/guardians who have provided an official letter from their employer or educational institution will receive priority for group allocation to suit their employment/education hours.

5. Offer of places

- Tentative places will be offered in writing to applicants in accordance with the eligibility and priority of access criteria of the service making clear that confirmation of places is not final until immunisation documentation has been received, assessed and found acceptable.
- Deep Creek Preschool requires parents/guardians who have been offered a tentative place to provide acceptable immunisation documentation for assessment two months prior to the child first attending the service in order that a confirmed place can be offered.
- The documentation is assessed as outlined in the *Immunisation enrolment toolkit for early childhood education and care services* by the person responsible for the enrolment process on behalf of the Approved Provider. The Key Dates work form in the *Immunisation enrolment toolkit for early childhood education and care services* is used to determine the date at which immunisations must be up to date. The toolkit also provides guidance on assessing immunisation documentation to determine if a child is up to date or qualifies for an exemption. The following documents and resources can be accessed from <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au>:
 - The *Immunisation enrolment toolkit for early childhood education and care services* (search 'Immunisation enrolment toolkit')
 - The Key Dates work form (search 'Key Dates work form')
 - Hard copies of the immunisation resources (search 'immunisation resources order form')
- The acceptable outcomes of the assessment for offering a confirmed place are:
 - That the next due vaccine for the child on the ACIR Immunisation History Statement or the Immunisation Status certificate is within the acceptable timeframe for an enrolment, or;
 - That the child is on a recognised catch-up schedule if they have fallen behind with their vaccinations, or;
 - That the child has a medical reason not to be vaccinated, or,
 - That the child has been assessed by Deep Creek Preschool as being eligible for a 16 week grace period
- The person responsible for the enrolment process advises the parent/guardian in writing whether a confirmed place is offered and the enrolment can proceed.
- Parents/guardians who do not have acceptable immunisation documentation cannot be offered a place and are referred to Australian Childhood Immunisation Register or to an immunisation provider (refer to Appendix 4 – Letter for parents/guardians who do not have acceptable immunisation documentation).
- Offer of places in the three-year-old program/s and the funded kindergarten program will be made at the same time.
- Parents/guardians who do not wish to accept the offer of a tentative or confirmed place, or intend to withdraw their enrolment, are requested to notify the Approved Provider, or the person responsible for managing the enrolment process at the service, in writing as soon as possible.
- A fee of \$120 must be paid in accordance with the Deep Creek Preschool's Fees Policy by the date stated on the letter of offer to hold the place for the following year. This fee will be deducted from term 4 fees.

- An enrolment form and other relevant information will be provided by Deep Creek Preschool to the parent/guardian after a confirmed place has been accepted and the fee has been paid.

Note: Places will not be allocated to children until any outstanding fees owed to the service by the family is paid, or a payment plan is agreed to between the family and the service (refer to *Fees Policy*).

ATTACHMENT 3A

Enrolment Application Form (4 year old program)



DEEP CREEK PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

(Association's Incorporation No. A7573)

510 Blackburn Road

Doncaster East VIC 3109

Ph. 98429002

ENROLMENT APPLICATION for 4 YEAR OLD PRE SCHOOL

Details of Child

Surname:

Given names:

Address:

Postcode:

Date of Birth:

Male / Female

(please circle one)

Parents/Guardians

Mother's name:

Father's name:

Occupation:

Occupation:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Home):

Phone (Mobile):

Phone (Mobile):

Phone (Work):

Phone (Work):

Email Address:

Email Address:

This application is for my child to attend Deep Creek Pre-School in _20_____

Have any siblings previously attended Deep Creek Pre School? If yes,

Name/s _____ Year/s _____

What is the child's main language at home? _____

Children with additional needs

Does your child have additional needs? Yes• No

If yes, please specify: _____

You are encouraged to discuss your child's needs with the educator when your child's place is confirmed.

Is your child registered with a specific support service/agency? Yes• No •

Name of support service/agency:

This application is for a second year of funded kindergarten Yes• No •

If yes, please attach a copy of the relevant paperwork.

Kindergarten Fee Subsidy

DET provides a fee subsidy for eligible families. Please indicate if you are eligible for one of the following concessions, or meet one of the following criteria:

Health Care Card

Pensioner Concession Card

DVA Gold Card

Bridging Visas A–F

Temporary Protection/Humanitarian Visas 447, 451, 785 or 786

Resolution of Status Visa (RoS) Visa Class CD, Subclass 851

Refugee and Special Humanitarian Visas 200–217

Triplets or Quadruplets

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Supporting documentation will need to be sighted on commencement at Deep Creek Pre-School by the Enrolment Officer

Note: the eligibility of concessions may vary from time-to-time. Up-to-date information can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/ecsmanagement/careankinder/funding/subsidy.htm

Checklist

- Please enclose a copy of the child's official **birth certificate** or **passport** evidencing the child's birth date.
- Please enclose a copy of your child's **Immunisation History Statement** from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). The Government's No Jab No Play laws require all children to be age-appropriately immunised before enrolment can be confirmed.

You can request this by

- email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit Medicare service centre
- phone 1800 653 809

The easiest way is to go to Medicare online where you can access your child's statement at any time.

- Enclose the **enrolment application fee**, which is not refundable and covers administrative costs. The fee is \$20 if you require both 3 and 4 year old kinder. If you only require one group the fee is \$15. Please make a cheque or money order or EFT Transfer (your child's full name must be stated as the reference) made payable to **Deep Creek Pre School Inc. BSB: 033-028 Account Number: 310-108**

If you have paid electronically, attach your proof of payment. Please complete separate enrolment applications for each year requested. Sorry but we do not accept cash. Should a receipt be required, please include a stamped self addressed envelope.

- Please forward the completed enrolment application form with attachments to the **Enrolment Officer, Deep Creek Pre-School 510 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East 3109** or e-mail to deepcreekenrolments@gmail.com. We are not able to accept replies in person.
- You must notify the service of any changes to your address or other relevant information by contacting **9842 9002** and **give the date from which these changes will take effect.**

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT 3B

Enrolment Application Form (3 year old program)



DEEP CREEK PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

(Association's Incorporation No. A7573)

510 Blackburn Road

Doncaster East VIC 3109

Ph. 98429002

ENROLMENT APPLICATION for 3 YEAR OLD PRE SCHOOL

Details of Child

Surname:

Given names:

Address:

Postcode:

Date of Birth:

Male / Female

(please circle one)

Parents/Guardians

Mother's name:

Father's name:

Occupation:

Occupation:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Home):

Phone (Mobile):

Phone (Mobile):

Phone (Work):

Phone (Work):

Email Address:

Email Address:

This application is for my child to attend Deep Creek Pre-School in ____20____

Have any siblings previously attended Deep Creek Pre School? If yes,

Name/s _____ Year/s _____

What is the child's main language at home? _____

Children with additional needs

Does your child have additional needs? Yes• No

If yes, please specify: _____

You are encouraged to discuss your child's needs with the educator when your child's place is confirmed.

Is your child registered with a specific support service/agency? Yes• No•

Name of support service/agency: _____

Checklist

- Please enclose a copy of the child's official birth certificate or passport evidencing the child's birth date.
- Please enclose a copy of your child's **Immunisation History Statement** from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). The Government's No Jab No Play laws require all children to be age-appropriately immunised before enrolment can be confirmed.

You can request this by

- email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit Medicare service centre
- phone 1800 653 809

The easiest way is to go to medicare online where you can access your child's statement at any time.

- Enclose the enrolment application fee, which is not refundable and covers administrative costs. The fee is \$20 if you require both 3 and 4 year old kinder. If you only require one group the fee is \$15. Please make a cheque or money order or EFT Transfer (your child's full name must be stated as the reference) made payable to **Deep Creek Preschool Inc. BSB: 033-028 Account Number: 310-108**

If you have paid electronically, attach your proof of payment. Please complete separate enrolment applications for each year requested. Sorry but we do not accept cash. Should a receipt be required, please include a stamped self addressed envelope.

- Please forward the completed enrolment application form with attachments to the **Enrolment Officer, Deep Creek Preschool 510 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East 3109** or e-mail to deepcreekenrolments@gmail.com. We are not able to accept replies in person.
- You must notify the service of any changes to your address or other relevant information by contacting **9842 9002** and **give the date from which these changes will take effect.**

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT 4

Letter for parents/guardians without acceptable immunisation documentation



DEEP CREEK PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

(Association's Incorporation No. A7573)

510 Blackburn Road

Doncaster East VIC 3109

Ph. 98429002

Dear [insert name]

Re: Enrolment at Deep Creek Preschool for

I am contacting you regarding your tentative place for [insert child's name] at Deep Creek Preschool in the [insert 3 year old or 4 year old program] in [insert year].

Under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* early childhood education and care services cannot enrol a child unless the parent/guardian has provided acceptable immunisation documentation.

Acceptable immunisation documentation includes evidence that your child:

- is fully vaccinated for their age
- is on a recognised catch-up schedule
- has a medical reason not to be vaccinated
- has been assessed by our service as being eligible for a 16 week grace period.

As we have not received acceptable immunisation documentation for [insert name of child] by the due date, we are unable to confirm a place at our service for and your child's name has been removed from our list.

Immunisation programs are effective in reducing the risk of vaccine preventable diseases. Immunisation from an early age helps protect your child against serious childhood infections. Further information about immunisations for your child is available from:

- your doctor
- Manningham Council Immunisations
- National Immunisation Information Line Tel. 1800 671 811
- Australian Childhood Immunisation Register Tel 1800 653 809
- Better Health Channel website: <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/no-jab-no-play>

Should you wish to re-apply for a place for [insert child's name], we are happy to accept a new enrolment application accompanied by acceptable immunisation documentation. The new application would be considered in line with Deep Creek Preschool's Enrolment and Orientation policy.

Yours sincerely

[insert name]

Enrolments Officer

Deep Creek Preschool