



## ***Morgan Preschool Pre-entry Community Care***



The Pre-entry Community Care Program is a social and educational platform specifically structured to guide and teach children who have turned 3 years old about social behaviours such as turn taking, sharing and getting along. It offers support to families in our community who do not have access to child care and is created in the essence of our site philosophy to work in partnership with families and community to further develop children's agency, strengths and capacity.

There will be an emphasis on encouraging children to engage in shared play to support the development of language skills, confidence and their interests. Structured and unstructured play opportunities support friendship making opportunities for children to express their individual abilities, interests and personalities.

The program is conducted within the Preschool session time in alignment with Part E: Specialised schools, special purpose schools, programs and alternative curriculum streams of the Placement Procedure. An Early Childhood Worker, under the direction of the Responsible Person, will support the children both in preschool and community care. The sessions will not impact or interfere with the current Preschool Program. Sessions will be facilitated on a Tuesday from 9.00am and children will need to be collected at 12pm. Families can enrol by completing a Form 0. They will then need to book their child in through the school. Permanent bookings cannot be made. Cost is \$5.00 per session. After attending for a term following a family discussion your child may be offered to remain for the day. Please note this will be pending availability of positions and numbers attending the pre entry program and preschool.

The program is facilitated alongside our preschool program and the Principal ensures that it complies with the requirements under the Education and Care Services National Law, and Education and Care Services National Regulations. We will operate within scope of the national law and regulations, and will be included as part of the preschool's assessment and rating process. Therefore, we are able to have four children attending each Tuesday. The amount of children attending can be reduced at any time, as priority must be given to

eligible preschool children, and still allow for growth in numbers. The site is capped at 10 children, if this number is met the Program will no longer continue.

### *Priority of access*

*The priority of access criteria will be used to allocate available places. Families will be made aware of the priority of access criteria after completing a waiting list form and on enrolment, completion of Form O.*

*The overarching priority is children who are not accessing other early childhood education and care programs including preschool, long day care or family day care.*

*Priority 1 access criteria are:*

- children who are or have been in care*
  - children at risk of serious abuse and neglect*
  - Aboriginal children*
  - children in families that include a person with a disability or health condition that impacts upon their parenting*
  - children with a disability or additional needs*
  - children in socially isolated families.*
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- Priority 2 access criteria is low-income families who have an Australian Government pensioner concession or health care card.*
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- Priority 3 access criteria is for children whose family is already a part of our school community and intend for their child to enrol in our Preschool.*

*To keep access fair no more than 5 sessions will be attended per term if the program is consistently full each week.*