

Southern Cross Early Childhood School



We believe that
when you enrol
a child,
you enrol
a family.

Early Childhood Schools are an important element of the ACT public school system. The schools are built on a highly successful model of early years learning designed to provide children with the best start to their early development and education and offer integrated services for children and their families.

Enrolments for the following school year are available online from the beginning of term 2 each year.

Children who turn 4 years old before 30 April are eligible to enrol in an ACT Education Directorate Preschool.

School Enrolment Procedure

Southern Cross Early Childhood School is an ACT Education Directorate School and as such abides by all policies and procedures developed by the Education Directorate related to education participation requirements as set out in the *Education Act 2004*.

Preschool

The following priorities as detailed in the Directorate procedures are considered by this school when offering places.

1. Wellbeing considerations
 - a. legal considerations
 - b. social and economic vulnerability
 - c. mental health including psychological factors
 - d. students that may be considered at risk
2. Child lives in the ACT and would have a sibling concurrently attending the school (P – 2)
3. Child lives in the ACT and attends the Early Education and Care program at the school
4. Child lives in the suburb where the school is located (Scullin and Page)
5. Child lives elsewhere in the ACT*
6. Child lives outside the ACT

*For children in the fifth priority, Southern Cross Early Childhood School works alongside other schools in the Belconnen Network to ensure that all children across the Network can access a preschool program. Several pieces of information are considered when offering places.

These include -

- Suburb of residence
 - Shared Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) – Florey, Hawker and Weetangera
 - Available Belconnen Network Schools
- Capacity of schools in the Belconnen Network

Date of application for enrolment is no longer a factor to prioritise applications.



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Kindergarten to Year 2

Enrolments are considered on a case-by-case basis with alignment to ACT Education Directorate policy, procedures and guidelines. Online enrolment forms can be found on the ACT Education Directorate website.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Early Education and Care Component

Early Education and Care for children from birth to eight years of age is provided by **Anglicare NSW South | NSW West | ACT**

Please contact Anglicare regarding the enrolment process for the Early Education and Care component.

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Related Policies and Procedures

All Directorate policies and procedures relating to enrolment can be found on the Directorate website at

https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policies

This policy and suite of procedures implement the education participation requirements set out in the *Education Act 2004*.

https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/School-and-Corporate-Policies/student-administration/enrolment-and-attendance/compulsory-education-student-enrolment-and-attendance-policy

Families are encouraged to visit the Education Directorate website to verify that they are reading the current and complete version of these policy documents as these documents override any Southern Cross Early Childhood School documentation.



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