

Hamilton Community Pre-School

"Where discoveries, learning and fun connect"



Information Sheets for Parents:

Environment

National Quality Standard – Quality Area 3

Element 3.1.1 – Fit for Purpose. Outdoor and indoor spaces, buildings, fixtures area suitable for their purpose, including supporting access to every child.

The physical environment can contribute to children's wellbeing, happiness, creativity and developing independence. It can contribute to and express the quality of children's learning and experiences.

The choices made at Hamilton Community Pre-School about spaces, fixtures, fittings, layout, air and light quality, have a direct impact on the quality of learning opportunities available to children. Fencing and gates which enclose outdoor areas used by children at the Pre-School are maintained to ensure they are of a height and design that prevents enrolled children from going through, over or under the structure. The front door is locked and access by code to staff and family members to minimising access by unauthorised people.

Sufficient furniture, materials and developmentally appropriate equipment are provided and maintained at the Pre-School in order to support all children to engage and access the program and develop their developing skills and independence.

The environment seeks to support convenient access to both indoor and outdoor play activities and to toilet facilities according to supervision requirements, children's independence and developmental needs. Adequate space requirements are maintained in both indoor and outdoor environments. Toilet, Taps and drying facilities are developmentally and age appropriate and are located and designed in a way that support safe use and convenient access by children.

The indoor environment is well ventilated and has adequate natural light. Air conditioner temperatures are maintained at levels that support children's safety and wellbeing. The outdoor environment has adequate shaded areas to protect children from ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Both environments are checked daily so that it is fit for purpose.