WEST LAKES SHORE KINDERGARTEN
Priority of Access guidelines

At the WLSK our enrolment focus is to help to develop a strong sense of community within our local area. Enrolments in preschools can vary from time to time. Sometimes this can mean that some preschools may not have vacancies for all children who would like to attend. The floor space/facilities at the kindergarten, the number of staff and the needs of the kindergarten children determine the maximum number of children who can enrol. Staff can provide a high quality, safe program for your child by ensuring that enrolments are kept to a reasonable level. If the demand for places is very high, the children are selected based on the following criteria:

First Priority: Children who have a residential address in the local priority area (West Lakes Shore, West Lakes, Semaphore Park) and children who are identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

(Please Note – proof of residence will be requested).

Second Priority: Children with siblings who have attended the kindergarten.

Third Priority: Children who are cared for within the local area by a Family Day Care provider or other family carers.

Fourth Priority: Children who specify an interest in the main feeder school within the local area – West Lakes Shore School.

1) Children who already have siblings who attend the WLSS.
2) Children who have their name down to attend the WLSS.
3) Children who are intending to enrol at the WLSS.

(Please Note – The WLSS and WLSK hold regular discussions regarding enrolments).

Fifth Priority: Children who are living out of the priority area.

Note:

- ‘Priority of Access’ guidelines are not relevant if the Kindergarten is not to capacity.
- The date of application may come into effect, in conjunction with the above criteria, when enrolment applications exceed the capacity.
- The WLSK will begin taking enrolments two years prior to the enrolment start date. You may be asked to re-contact the kindergarten if it is before this time.
- Special circumstances do arise on some occasions. The director has the discretion to make decisions based on these special circumstances.
- Each preschool has defined their local area, which is recorded at the centre. This will enable you to determine the preschool’s local area.
- The West Lakes Shore School has different Priority of Access guidelines to the kindergarten and it is important that you refer to the school for their enrolment policy.

If the preschool has reached its capacity, staff will take the child’s details and add these to a waiting list. Families with children who are eligible to start kindergarten will need to make other arrangements with either the Kindergarten in their local area or another Kindergarten with vacancies.

(Please note: If you are placed on a waiting list the priorities of access listed above will still be followed when determining enrolments).

Please feel free to contact the preschool director to discuss these processes further.

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