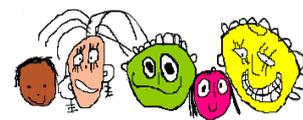


Hamilton Community Pre-School

"Where discoveries, learning and fun connect"



Information Sheets for Parents:

National Quality Framework

National Quality Standard – Quality Area 7

Element 7.1 – Governance. Governance supports the operation of a quality service.

Hamilton Community Pre-School is required to follow the National Quality Framework, its aim is to provide a national approach to regulation, assessment and quality improvement for early childhood education services across Australia

The NQF includes:

- National Law and National Regulations
- National Quality Standard
- Assessment and quality rating process
- Belonging, Being & Becoming; The Early Years Learning Framework. (refer to Parent Fact Sheet QA1)

The National Law - sets a national standard for children's education and care across Australia.

The National Regulations - support the National Law by providing detail on a range of operational requirements for an education and care service.

Assessment and quality rating process – Education and care services are assessed **against the NQS** and rated by their state regulatory authority

The rating are:-

Excellent	Service promotes exceptional education and care, demonstrates sector leadership and is committed to continually improving Awarded by ACECQA. Services rated Exceeding National Quality Standard in all quality areas may choose to apply for this rating .
Exceeding National Quality Standard	Service meets the National Quality Standard. Service provides quality education and care in all 7 quality areas.
Working Towards National Quality Standard	Services provides a safe education and care program. There are 1 or more areas identified for improvement.
Significant Improvement required	Service does not meet 1 of the 7 quality areas or a section of the legislation and there is an significant risk to the safety, health and wellbeing of children. The regulatory authority will take immediate action.

The National Quality Standard (NQS) - sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education and care and outside school hours care services in Australia.

The NQS includes 7 quality areas that are important outcomes for children

QUALITY AREA 1 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND PRACTICE	Educational program and practice of educators are child-centred, stimulating and maximise opportunities for enhancing and extending each child's learning and development.
QUALITY AREA 2 CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY	Children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that safeguards and promotes their health, safety and wellbeing.
QUALITY AREA 3 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	Physical environment is safe, suitable and provides a rich and diverse range of experiences that promote children's learning and development.
QUALITY AREA 4 STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS	Qualified and experienced educators, who develop warm, respectful relationships with children, create predictable environments and encourage children's active engagement in the learning program.
QUALITY AREA 5 RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN	Relationships with children are responsive, respectful and promote children's sense of security and belonging.
QUALITY AREA 6 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES	Collaborative relationships with families are fundamental to achieving quality outcomes for children, and community partnerships based on active communication, consultation and collaboration are essential.
QUALITY AREA 7 GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP	Effective leadership and governance of the service contributes to quality environments for children's learning and development. Effective leaders establish shared values for the service and set clear direction for the service's continuous improvement.

Hamilton Community Pre-School was rated in November 2020 and received an overall rating of meeting. Quality Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 we obtained a rating of meeting; Quality Area 6 we achieved a rating of exceeding.