

Policy Title	Family, Education and Community Services
Related Documentation	National Competition Policy
Relevant Legislation/ Corporate Plan	Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 Education and Care Services Regulation 2012 Child Protection Law Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) NSW Department of Education and Communities NSW Family and Community Services NSW Ombudsman The Ombudsman Amendment (Child Protection and Community Service) Act 1998 Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 The Children and Young Person (Care and Protection) Amendment (Children's Services) Act 2010 Privacy Act 1988 Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) 2018
Responsible Officer	Operations Manager Family, Education and Community Services

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## Objectives

To ensure Council provides a variety of education and care services for children aged 0-12 years, including the provision of child development and family support.

## Policy Statement

That Council foster and support the overall coordination, development and implementation of education and care services within the community.

### Scope

This policy covers all of Council's Family, Education and Community Services, Family, Education and Community Services educators and ancillary staff, and other Specialist Services provided by local community groups within the Campbelltown Local Government Area.

### Definitions

This includes Playgroups, Preschools, Long Day Care, Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, School Holiday Care, Bicycle Education Centre, Immunisation, Mobile Toy and Book Library and Campbelltown Child and Family Centre.

#### DATA AND DOCUMENT CONTROL

<b>Division:</b> City Lifestyles <b>Section:</b> Family, Education and Community Services <b>DocSet:</b> 1555194	<b>Adopted Date:</b> 04/03/1986 <b>Revised Date:</b> 12/06/2018 <b>Minute Number:</b> 116 <b>Review Date:</b> 30/06/2021	<b>Page:</b> 1 of 2
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### **Legislative Context**

Council's Education and Care Services operate under the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010, Education and Care Services National Regulations 2018 and the Child Protection Act.

### **Principles**

1. That Council's Family, Education and Community Services leadership team continue to deliver affordable, sustainable, quality, resource efficient Education and Care Services that meet customer needs through ongoing evaluation and operational reviews.
2. That Council encourage and support local community groups to develop and manage Education and Care Services, which address identified child and family needs.
3. That Council's development and provision of new community facilities considers Education and Care Services requirements and the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) in order to meet community needs and/or demand.
4. That Council encourage the awareness and support of children with diverse needs, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, South Sea Islanders, children who are refugees and children who have suffered trauma and torture.
5. That Council include support of families within their Education and Care Services, where possible, through partnerships with other local non-Government organisations.

### **Responsibility**

That the Operations Manager Family, Education and Community Services be responsible for ensuring the information outlined in this policy.

### **Effectiveness of this Policy**

Council will continue to foster and support the overall coordination and delivery of all Family, Education and Community Services.

Council's Education and Community Services maintain high quality standards at all times and comply with the Education and Care National Law and Education and Care Regulation requirements.

Council will continue to support local community groups to develop and manage Education and Care Services, which address identified needs.

Council's Family, Education and Community Services leadership team will continue to deliver sustainable and resource efficient children's services that meet customer needs through ongoing evaluation and operational review.

The Operations Manager Family, Education and Community Services will review practices on a regular basis to ensure this policy remains relevant and current.

## **END OF POLICY STATEMENT**