

EARLY ENTRY FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN

Early Entry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is available for children in the semester prior to their preschool year in an ACT public school. Placements are offered from the beginning of Term Three if preschool places are available.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration for Early Entry a child must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and turn three years of age before 30 April in the year in which the child will commence preschool. Children younger than this will not be eligible.

INFORMATION

Children can attend the [Koori Preschool Programs](#) for up to 15 hours per week (600 hours per year) in addition to applying for Early Entry. Koori Preschools operate at five sites across Canberra:

- Ngunnawal Primary School
- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Wanniasa School, and
- Richardson Primary School.

Families applying for Early Entry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children should also apply for preschool the following year as a separate process. Early Entry placement is not a guarantee of placement the following year at a preschool that is not in the family's Priority Enrolment Area.

PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS

Applications for Early Entry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children are made using the online enrolment form available at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school> and are managed by the enrolling school. Placements are offered from the beginning of term three in the school year. Should a place not be available in the child's PEA preschool, the PEA school will work with families to secure a placement at another school.

Successful applicants will be required to provide the following documentation to the enrolling school:

- Proof of age of the child (e.g. a copy of birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of residency in the ACT (e.g. a utility bill)

For more information about Early Entry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children please speak to Priority Enrolment Area school or telephone 6207 1106.