

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Mackay Family Day Care Scheme is a Not-For-Profit organization. We aim to provide quality childcare in a home environment which meets the needs of children and their families.

Mackay Family Day Care Scheme will endeavour to ensure that parents and children have access to quality child care appropriate to their needs, regardless of income, cultural background, disability or geographical location.

In order to ensure that this principle of non-discriminatory access is widely known and understood, family day care, will be publicised within the community through a range of service organisations.

Mackay Family Day Care Scheme will follow the priority of access guidelines set down by the Department of Education and Training, which are designed to assist Australian families in need of child care.

The Approved Provider is required to develop and keep up to date, written policies about the conduct of the service.

The policies and procedures of the Mackay Family Day Care Scheme have been developed in consultation with representatives of all scheme stakeholders, and meet the requirements of the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010, the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011 and the National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care.