

C&K Dixon Street Early Years Centre

Referral Information

C&K Dixon Street Early Years Centre is a resource-intensive, referral-only early childhood service for children and families living with significant adversity.

This new Strathpine early education and care centre has been designed for children living with high levels of stress and social disadvantage.

Address

27 Dixon Street, Strathpine

What is it?

C&K Dixon Street Early Years Centre offers an intensive early learning and care program that is based on extensive research, conducted by the University of Melbourne. The program aims to change the life trajectory of children who live with multiple risk factors in their early years by reversing harm and improving learning and development outcomes (including social and emotional development, cognitive development, IQ and language skills).

The intensive early learning and care model offers children a place in a small group setting for five hours a day, five days per week, for three years. By consistently attending the centre for this time period, the objective of the program is to ensure that at-risk and vulnerable children realise their full potential and transition into school as confident, capable learners, developmentally and educationally equal to their peers.

Who can attend?

The program is a referral-only early childhood service for vulnerable and at-risk children and families living with significant adversity.

Eligible children must be:

- Aged less than 36 months at the time of referral (under three years old)
- Assessed as having two or more risk factors (child, parent or family risk factors as identified in the DHS Best Interest Practice Guidelines)
- Requiring ongoing Family Support Services
- Suitable for intensive early childhood education and care
- Eligible for Additional Child Care Subsidy.

How much does it cost?

There is no financial cost for families and their primary caregivers.

What is the referral process?

You can help us support these children and families by referring them to the program. Referrals will be considered in order of receipt, as there are limited places in the centre.



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