

EPPING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE ASSOCIATION
c/o Epping Public School
Norfolk Road, Epping
NSW 2121

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Dear Parent,

EBASCA is currently operating at full capacity, with a long waiting list of at least 130 applicants for before and after care bookings.

Over the last 6 months we have not been able to make many offers to families waiting for care this year – we do not have the capacity to expand our licencing numbers (currently licenced to accept 120 children per session).

Places become available when other families cancel existing bookings, so we cannot indicate a timeframe as to how long it will take for our waiting list to clear.

Approval for additional spaces is dependent on available indoor and outdoor space, and is granted by the NSW Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate.

I'd like to draw your attention to some of the criteria and restrictions placed on our Service Approval by the Early Education and Care Directorate, the governing body responsible for compliance, approvals and assessment and rating for all childcare services in NSW – please see the summary below for a detailed explanation.

Please be advised that we are unable to accommodate new enrolments at the centre in 2020. With 2018 and 2019 applicants still waiting for an offer for care we do not have the capacity to accommodate the 2020 intake of school enrolments.

We would encourage you at this time to start investigating a second option for your before and after school care needs. You may like to research after care options nearby to the school. Some include the option to collect from school grounds and bus out to the after care location.

It is important to note that we cannot recommend or endorse any after school program other than our own. Please be advised we are not in a position to vouch for the quality of other programs, nor are we able to comment on the suitability of the service for your needs.

We understand that this is a difficult situation for many families. Given the criteria and legislated requirements for our operating approval we are unable to accommodate extra bookings beyond 120 places at this time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours Sincerely,

Brigitte Carroll
Centre Director, on behalf of the EBASCA Management Committee



What are the limitations placed on a service when allocating bookings??...

Under Section 51 (4A) of the Education and Care Services National Law Act it is an offence for a service to exceed the approved maximum number of places. Our service approval allows 120 children per session. Failure to comply attracts a penalty of \$50 000.

This number is calculated as a measurement of the available, unencumbered indoor and outdoor space at the premises of the childcare facility. In our case this is at Epping Public School.

Again, this is a dictate under the National Laws and Regulations (Regulation 107 and 108).

