



4.5.7 Child Care Centre Code

Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to:

- facilitate the establishment of Child Care Centres which provide a safe and attractive environment for children attending the Centre; and
- ensure Child Care Centres are compatible with the amenity of the surrounding area.

Applicability

This Code applies to assessable development for a Material Change of Use for a Child Care Centre.

Elements of the Code

Location

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P1	Child Care Centres are located so that they are accessible to the community they serve.	A1.1	Where located in a residential area, Child Care Centres are located adjacent to a school, other community or commercial facilities or open space.
		A1.2	The Child Care Centre is located within close proximity to existing or proposed future public transport routes.
		A1.3	The Child Care Centre is located on a collector or distributor Road but not on a State-Controlled Road – the Captain Cook Highway, Port Douglas Road, Mossman-Mount Molloy Road or Mossman-Daintree Road.



Site Criteria

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P2	The Site of a Child Care Centre has sufficient area to accommodate the range of facilities necessary for the care and recreation of the children, for Landscaping, car parking areas and Access and for staff facilities ⁴² .	A2.1	<p>A Child Care Centre is located on a Site with a minimum area of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000 m² where no more than 25 children are to be accommodated; • 1500 m² where more than 25 children but not more than 50 children are to be accommodated; • 2000 m² where more than 50 children are to be accommodated.

Setbacks and Buffering

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P3	The Child Care Centre is consistent, in terms of Building siting and design, with the existing built form in the locality and potential conflict with adjoining land uses is minimised and adjacent residential amenity is protected .	A3.1	All Setback areas are landscaped with Dense Planting.
		A3.2	A 1.8 metre screen fence is Erected to side and rear boundaries.
		A3.3	<p>Perimeter fencing to any street Frontage complies with any fencing specifications of the relevant Planning Area Code.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXCEPT THAT</p> <p>The fence may have a maximum Height of 1.8 metres.</p>
		A3.4	Child Care Centres operate between the hours of 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

⁴² Child Care Centres are to be designed in accordance with the requirements of the Child Care Regulation 2003.