

National Quality Standard Assessment and Rating

The Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) is responsible for assessing all preschools and child care centres against the National Quality Standard.

There are 7 Quality Areas in the National Quality Standard:

- Educational program and practice
- Children's health and safety
- Physical environment
- Staffing arrangements
- Relationships with children
- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Leadership and service management

Within these Quality Areas, there are 58 elements which are assessed by ACEQA and each element is rated as "met" or "not met".

Netherby Kindergarten was assessed late in 2015, "met" each of the elements (a perfect score!)

and was rated as **EXCEEDING National Quality Standards** in each of the quality areas.

This assessment and rating experience was affirming for the staff and community, as it verified the **high quality** of the program, the **excellence** of the staff team, and the importance of building **relationships** with the children, parents and community. The **commitment** and hard work of the staff and governing council, and the high level of **parent involvement** in their children's education were highlighted in this assessment.