

Who can access ECDP?

Children may be eligible if they have a **diagnosed or suspected disability** that significantly impacts their ability to participate in learning.

This may include:

- Autism spectrum disorder
- Hearing impairment
- Intellectual disability / Global Developmental Delay
- Physical impairment
- Speech-language impairment
- Vision impairment

Supporting documentation may include:

- Assessment or diagnostic reports
- Therapy reports (e.g. speech, OT, physio)
- Medical documentation
- Educator summaries or observations (where appropriate)

Evidence may be provided by:

- 🧠 **Paediatrician / Psychologist** – autism, intellectual disability, developmental concerns
- 🗣️ **Speech Pathologist** – speech-language impairment
- 🦻 **Audiologist / ENT Specialist** – hearing impairment
- 👁️ **Medical and Allied Health Specialists** – physical or vision impairment

Application Process

1. Get in touch

Contact ECDP to talk about your child, ask questions, or express interest.

2. Visit and meet us

We will meet with you and your child to:

- learn about your child's strengths and needs
- discuss how we can help
- gather information
- begin the enrolment process

3. Application

An application is completed and submitted for regional approval.

4. Decision

A multidisciplinary panel reviews the application and determines eligibility.

5. Outcome

Families receive notification from the Regional Office and are contacted by ECDP regarding next steps.

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We're here to help

We warmly welcome enquiries from families. If you have questions, would like to talk about your child, or would like to arrange a visit, please reach out—we would love to hear from you.



Redlands Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP)



*A strong start to education for children
with a disability aged 0–5 years*

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Welcome to Redlands ECDP

Redlands ECDP supports young children (birth to 5 years) with a diagnosed or suspected disability who have significant educational support needs.

We work alongside families to help children build the skills they need for early learning and a confident, successful transition to school.

How we support your child

At ECDP, we support children to:

- develop communication and language skills
- build social interaction and play skills
- grow independence and early learning skills
- develop confidence and participate in everyday activities

Our goal is for every child to feel confident, capable, and ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

Supporting your child's transition to school

We support both children and families throughout the transition to school.

This includes:

- planning early for your child's transition
- building independence and confidence
- supporting school visits
- sharing information with your child's school (with your consent)
- working closely with educators and therapists

Our aim is for every child to feel **prepared, supported and ready for Prep.**

Our programs

Children typically attend one regular session each week during school terms, in a program suited to their age and stage.

Playgroup (birth to approximately 3 years)

Playgroup is a supported weekly session where you attend with your child.

Sessions focus on learning through play and supporting early development. You will also learn practical strategies to support your child at home.

Session time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Pre-Kindy (from 3 years)

Pre-Kindy is a small-group program where children begin learning alongside peers in a supportive environment.

Children are supported to:

- develop communication, play and social skills
- build independence and confidence
- participate in early learning experiences

This program helps children build the foundational skills needed for their next stage of learning.

Session time: 1 day per week, 9:00am – 1:30pm

Pre-Prep (year before school)

Pre-Prep supports children as they prepare for school.

Children continue to develop:

- communication, play and social skills
- independence and early learning skills

There is a strong focus on:

- preparing for a positive start to school
- building confidence and participation in routines
- developing connections with their future school

Session times: 1 day per week

- Semester 1: 9:00am – 1:30pm
- Semester 2: 9:00am – 12:30pm / 11:00am – 2:30pm + *intensive outreach support*

Outreach support

ECDP can also support your child within their current early learning environment, such as kindergarten or childcare.

Outreach support may include:

- supporting your child to participate in everyday activities
- providing practical strategies for educators and families
- supporting inclusion and engagement
- assisting with transition to school

Outreach can be accessed as a **standalone service or alongside a centre-based program**, depending on your child's needs.

We work collaboratively to ensure your child experiences consistent and supportive learning environments wherever they learn.

