



# TIWI COLLEGE

## Age of School Entry Policy

### **Rationale**

As per NTDET Policy - for Tiwi College, schooling prior to a child turning six is not compulsory. Placement is dependent upon the school having a vacancy for the child and the parent / carer agreeing to enrol their child under the conditions of this policy.

The Northern Territory age of entry requirements for enrolment in pre-compulsory schooling are:

### **Preschool**

Children turning four on or before 30 June are eligible to enrol in a regular preschool program at the commencement of the school year.

Children turning four after 30 June are eligible to enrol after their birthday in a preschool program if places are available and with the understanding that the child will access more than 12 months of preschool.

### **Transition**

Children turning five on or before 30 June are eligible to enrol in a transition program at the commencement of the school year.

Children who turn five after 30 June are eligible to enrol in a transition program from the commencement of the following school year.

### **Remote schools**

In remote schools, children may be enrolled as they turn three years of age however they need to be accompanied by an appropriate community member who will remain with them for the preschool session. They need only to be accompanied until they reach 3 years 6 months of age.

**In December 2007, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) approved the implementation of universal access to early childhood education for all children in the year before full time schooling.**

*From NTDET "Age of School Entry" Policy*

### **Implementation:**

Tiwi College is first and foremost a secondary boarding college. However throughout its brief history a primary school was established for the children of staff and neighbouring outstations of Pickertaramoor. This is current policy. We offer primary school from Transition – Grade 6.

### **For Tiwi College:**

Children turning five on or before 30 June are eligible to enrol in a transition program at the commencement of the school year.

Children who turn five after 30 June are eligible to enrol in a transition program from the commencement of the following school year.

Due to our remote location and boarding requirements, we do not plan for children of a pre-school age. We cannot rely upon a community member remain with them at the appropriate times for the child's schooling.