

# BEFORE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

## BYRON SHIRE

**Starting school is a big step in every child and parent's life ....and naturally you want the start to be the best possible.**

Before School Assessments are recommended for children identified by parents or preschool teachers where there are concerns about any aspect of a child's development or school readiness.

The assessment will include screening of vision, hearing, speech and language, fine and gross motor skills and behaviour.

If you have any concerns about your child please discuss with your preschool teacher, to help you decide if a Before School Assessment is needed.



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Children starting kindergarten next year where either parents, carers or preschool teachers have a concern about some aspect of the child's development.

### PURPOSE:

To identify as soon as possible any problems that may affect your child starting school and recommend intervention.

Any concerns noted will be discussed with you and \ or referred to the most appropriate professionals.

### WHERE:

Before School Assessment appointments are available at the Community Health Centre's in Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Bangalow.

FOR APPOINTMENTS or ENQUIRIES

**Contact Pam Walmsley**  
**Child Health Nurse for Byron Shire**  
**Phone - 6687 0012**



**The assessment takes approx 1 hour.**

### WHAT TO BRING:

- Your child's Personal Health Record Book (ie: Blue Book)
- Where possible, please make arrangements for other sibling's care, as their presence can be a distraction to the child being assessed.

Please arrive at Reception **10 minutes prior** to appointment to complete the Before School Health Assessment form.

Appointment time:  
Location:



**PLEASE CONSIDER THESE PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:**

Does your child have difficulty following instructions? ..... YES / NO

Does your child speak clearly? ..... YES / NO

Does your child use groups of words when speaking? ..... YES / NO

Does your child follow directions? ..... YES / NO

Does your child take an active part in conversations? ..... YES / NO

Do you have any concerns about your child's speech / language development? .....  
..... YES / NO

Can family and other adults understand your child? ..... YES / NO

Can your child jump, hop, run and climb stairs one foot to a step? ..... YES / NO

Can your child catch a large ball? ..... YES / NO

Can your child hold a pencil with good control? ..... YES / NO

Do you or the pre-school teacher have any concerns about your child's learning?.....  
..... YES / NO

Do you or the pre-school teacher have any concerns about how your child plays with  
other children? ..... YES / NO

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