

# Early Learning Feasibility Checklist for Independent Schools







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Australia's early childhood education sector continues to evolve, with increasing demand for high-quality Early Learning Centres (ELCs) that offer more than just childcare—they provide children with a foundation for lifelong learning. For independent schools, establishing an ELC is a strategic opportunity to extend your educational pedagogy, foster deeper community connections, and secure long-term enrolments.

An ELC integrated into your school delivers far-reaching benefits:

- It allows families to experience your school's values and learning approach from the earliest years
- It provides a seamless transition into primary education
- It strengthens enrolment pipelines and supports financial sustainability

This Early Learning Centre Feasibility Checklist has been designed to help your school assess its readiness to undertake an ELC project. It draws on key industry insights and aligns with the best practices in education, governance, and compliance for independent schools.

On the following pages, you'll be asked to review and consider several areas critical to the success of an ELC, including strategic alignment, funding, design considerations, and community engagement

**Section 1: Strategic Alignment**

Does your school have a clear vision and purpose for integrating an ELC?	
Is the ELC aligned with your school's values, faith, and educational philosophy?	
Have you identified how the ELC will support enrolment growth and community engagement?	

**Section 2: Market Demand & Community Need**

What is the current student to place ratio in your area?	
Is there evidence of community support for an ELC offering?	
Have you confirmed the development pipeline (DA submissions / pending construction) in your local area?	

**Section 3: Governance & Compliance Readiness**

Are you aware of the regulatory requirements for ECEC services (NQF, ACECQA, local council)?	
Have you engaged specialist consultants to assist with compliance?	
Has your board approved the strategic direction for an ELC project?	

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**Section 4: Financial Planning & Funding**

Have you developed a robust business case, including forecasted ROI?

Are you pursuing government funding opportunities?

Do you have a plan for long-term financial sustainability (fees, subsidies, operational costs)?

**Section 5: Design & Construction Considerations**

Have you identified available land, underutilised buildings, or redevelopment opportunities?

Is your design vision flexible and compliant with ECEC standards?

Have you partnered with an experienced ELC design and construction team (e.g., Coverite Projects)?

**Section 6: Community Engagement & Communication**

Have you developed a communication strategy to engage your community (parents, parish, stakeholders)?

Are you sharing the benefits of the ELC to build excitement and buy-in?

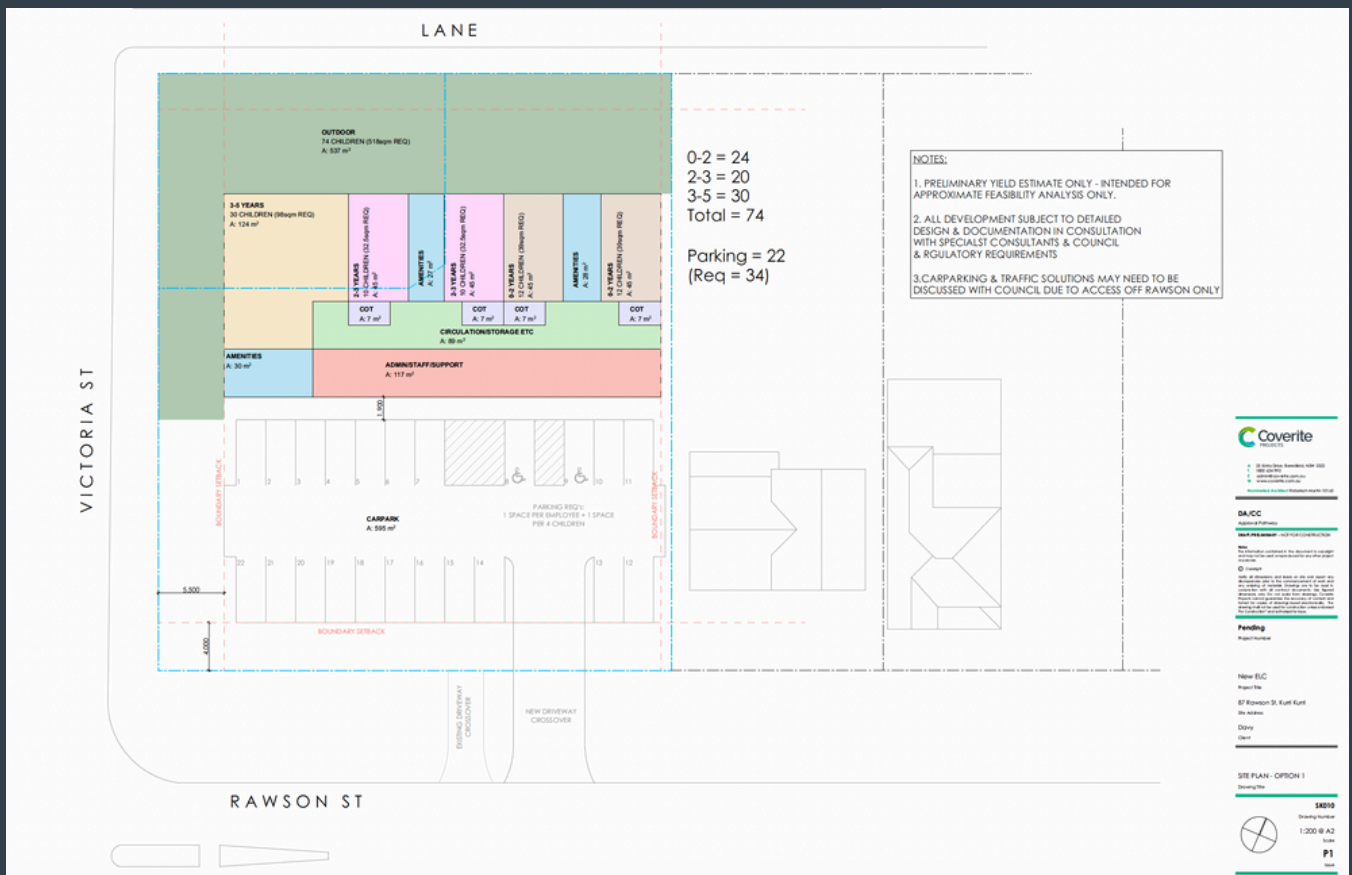
Do you have a plan for long-term community involvement once the ELC is operational?

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# Sample Concept Block Plan for an Early Learning Centre

A representation of how Coverite Projects helps schools visualise and maximise their available space.



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