

Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Approved Provider	St Andrews Children Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
Service Name	St Andrews Children's Neighbourhood Centre; St Andrews Before and After School Care
Type of Service	Centre based education and care service
Action Taken	<p>Prosecution action against St Andrews Children Neighbourhood Centre Inc for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one offence of failing to ensure that no child is subjected to corporal punishment – section 166(1)(a) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; • one offence of failing to ensure that no child is subjected to any discipline that is unreasonable in the circumstances - section 166(1)(b) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; • three offences of failing to ensure that every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury – section 167(1) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; • one offence of failing to ensure that each educator educating and caring for children meets the qualification requirements relevant to the role (early childhood teacher) – section 169(2) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; • two offences of failing to ensure adequate supervision of children - section 165(1) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; and • three offences of failing to notify the Regulatory Authority of a complaint alleging that a serious incident had occurred – section 174(2)(b)(i) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>.
Date of conviction	1 June 2018

Sentence	Convicted at Campbelltown Local Court and fined a total of \$19,000
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Proven offence:

St Andrews Children Neighbourhood Centre Inc:

- failed to ensure that no child was subjected to corporal punishment or discipline that was inappropriate in the circumstances;
- failed to take reasonable precautions to protect children from harm or any hazard likely to cause injury;
- failed to ensure that staff held the qualifications appropriate to their role;
- failed to ensure that adequate supervision was provided; and
- failed to report complaints.