Waverley’s Children and Families Profile

Waverley is a vibrant, active and creative community for children, young people and families to live and thrive. There were 10,700 children under 15, and around 5,000 families with young children in 2016.

Waverley values and supports children, young people and their families through:

- Safe and inclusive playgrounds and parks
- Promoting literacy
- High quality early education and care (Early Education Centres, Family Day Care)
- Affordable, engaging school holiday programs
- Counselling and referral services
- Parenting information and skills development
- Grants and service development

Waverley Council has a strong and unique history in quality early education and care.

Compared to Greater Sydney, there is a similar proportion of preschool aged children but a lower proportion of older children. More families stayed in the area with primary school aged children.

3225 people provided unpaid care for children other than their own. 39% of these were over 65 years, which is likely to represent grandparents.

24% of households are couples with children
6% are single parent families

There are increasing demands on schools, with significant growth since 2011.

Waverley has 1 Public High School and several Catholic and Independent schools.

There is 1 Public High School
20% Government school
20% Catholic school
60% Independent school

Increase

Attendance

Primary school
Secondary school

Government school
Catholic school
Independent school

Waverley Council

2011 2016

- work full time
- work part time
- not in paid employment
- one full time and one not in paid employment
- both parents work full time

28% of women with dependent children are working

6.8% 6.2% 4.7% 5.5% 6.9% 4.3% Age

0 – 4 5 – 9 10 – 14

Public High School
Renting
Have a mortgage
Have a mortgage

57% +769 Government school
13% +24 Catholic school
30% +29 Independent school

51% 14% 18% 27%

Couple families
Single parent families
Owned a home
Renting

Compared to Sydney, less than half of families live in separate houses, whilst at least double live in medium and high density housing.

38%
51%
51%
6.2%
6.8%
6.9%
5.5%
4.7%
4.3%
2016
2011

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