

Childcare Furniture Checklist

CENTRE / PROJECT	SUBURB / STATE	LICENSED PLACES	OPENING DATE

Phase ● 1 Assessment essentials — before the visit / ● 2 Opening enrolment build — months 0–3 ● 3 Differentiation — after enrolment steadies

Protect 3.25 m² unencumbered indoor space per child (National Regulations). AUD room ranges: infant \$12–20k · toddler \$9–16k · preschool \$10–18k · 4-room \$45–80k

Infant / nursery	8–12 licensed infants · protect sleep + change areas first
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| ☐ Cots or approved rest beds for every licensed infant | P1 |
| ☐ Changing station with adjacent clean and soiled storage | P1 |
| ☐ Low open shelves that keep walkways clear | P1 |
| ☐ Feeding chairs or a small feeding table | P1 |
| ☐ Soft seating / adult chair with a sightline to the room | P1 |
| ☐ Cubbies or personal storage (often one extra for educators) | P1 |
| ☐ Blackout or sleep-room storage if rest is split from play | P1–2 |
| ☐ Specialty Montessori nido pieces | P3 |

Toddler	10–15 children · count licensed places, not day-one enrolment
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| ☐ Low tables sized to the group | P1 |
| ☐ Child chairs for licensed places | P1 |
| ☐ Open shelving on walls rather than island blocks | P1 |
| ☐ Cubbies in-room or in a shared hallway | P1 |
| ☐ One mobile storage unit | P1 |
| ☐ Rest mats or a defined rest area | P1 |
| ☐ Dramatic play set | P2 |
| ☐ Extra art trolley or STEM unit | P2 |

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Preschool / kindergarten

16–22 children · seating + storage before extras

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| ☐ Activity tables (usually four in a 16–22 place room) | P1 |
| ☐ Child chairs for every licensed place plus two spares | P1 |
| ☐ Open shelving for blocks, books, and loose parts | P1 |
| ☐ Educator storage cabinet that locks | P1 |
| ☐ Art / wet-area storage | P1–2 |
| ☐ Dramatic play (kitchen, home corner, shop) | P2 |
| ☐ Science / STEM unit | P2 |
| ☐ Custom branding or philosophy-specific joinery | P3 |

Shared spaces

Reception, hallway, staff, laundry — do not donate classroom storage here

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| ☐ Parent wait seating that does not block egress | P1 |
| ☐ Hallway cubbies (confirm depth before ordering) | P1 |
| ☐ Lockable admin cabinet for excursion / medication storage | P1 |
| ☐ Staff lockers or a lockable cabinet off the classroom floor | P1 |
| ☐ Laundry: soiled-linen hamper space not inside the nursery | P1 |
| ☐ Kitchen support: dish and bottle storage if serving infants | P1–2 |

Outdoor (separate invoice)

Do not mix this line into the classroom furniture total

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| ☐ Shade structure or sail plan | P1 |
| ☐ Fencing and gates matching service-approval drawings | P1 |
| ☐ Impact-attenuating surfacing under climbing equipment | P1 |
| ☐ One primary play structure | P1 |
| ☐ Loose outdoor furniture / outdoor learning extras | P2 |

Site notes / missing items / supplier questions

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