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Perfect Beginnings Upper Mt Gravatt: Centre plans expansion

‘We’re at 98 per cent capacity’: The owners of a popular centre plan to demolish a neighbouring home to facilitate an expansion with up to 15 new staff and almost 100 placements on offer.

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The owners of a 58-space childcare centre on Brisbane’s southside plan to demolish a neighbouring home to facilitate an expansion which would see up to 136 children at the centre, with an extra 15 educators hired.

Fingrow Holdings Pty Ltd, which owns three Perfect Beginnings-branded centres in Brisbane, and a further two centres under a different name at Eight Mile Plains, lodged the plans with council late last month for its centre at 53 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mount Gravatt.

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Centre manager Jessica Lomas said the expansion was precipitated by their reaching “98 per cent capacity” at the centre.

“In the last week, I’ve had to turn down six families who will now have to wait until next year,” Mrs Lomas said.

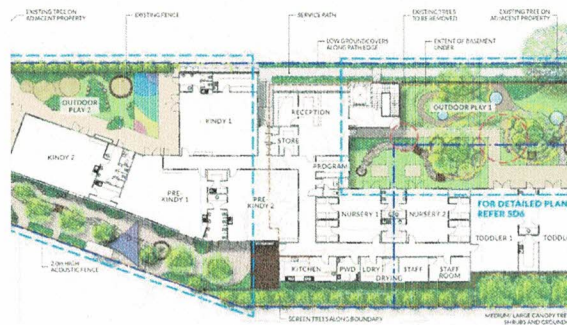


Under the plan, the depicted residential house at 55 Klumpp Rd would be demolished to expand the Perfect Beginnings childcare centre located behind it at 53 Klumpp Rd. Picture: Developmenti

“There’s already close to 50 people on the waitlist for February, and we only have 58 spaces, so we aren’t meeting everyone’s needs.”

Under the plans, the existing residential house at 55 Klumpp Rd which has street frontage would be demolished, with the existing centre partially demolished also to make way for a single structure.

This structure would be two-storeys (less than 9.5m) at the front, where the existing residential house is, to facilitate a ground-level carpark with 28-spaces, including 10 reserved for staff.



Plans to expand the Perfect Beginnings childcare centre at 53 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. Klumpp Rd is to the right of the picture, with the carpark located under the rooms to the bottom-right. Picture: Developmenti

The new podium level at the front of the site would contain nursery and toddler spaces without door play areas, while the rear of the site, where the existing centre is and which will continue to be one-storey, would contain spaces for pre-kindergarten children.

The gross floor area of the site would increase from 354 sqm to 953 sqm.



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Plans to expand the Perfect Beginnings childcare centre at 53 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. Picture: Developmenti

Mrs Lomas said the new centre would have a real emphasis on “nature play” with lots of greenery and the ability for learning children to take managed “risks”.

“There’s a lot of research which shows children are actually declining in physical ability,” she said.

Mrs Lomas said the owners would love to have the expansion completed by the end of next year, in time to roll out for the February 2022 intake.

The DA is yet to go out for public consultation.

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