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Our Kindergarten learning environment is set up with a variety of indoor and outdoor learning spaces that encourage the children to move freely between the two environments to explore their individual interests.

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Our Kindergarten program puts a strong emphasis on play as an important context for learning. Through play children are able to explore ideas, make connections, solve problems and engage with others in a social setting.

Our Kindergarten program is tailored to individual children's development and embraces our connections with families and our local community as the foundation for our curriculum design.

Our University Qualified Early Childhood Teachers adopt a stimulating play-based approach to their curriculum delivery within a calming natural environment. Play-based learning in a natural environment promotes wonder and curiosity, and allows for the natural pursuit of open ended creativity. It also encourages children to nurture and protect our natural world and to understand the importance of this for future generations.

Our Kindergarten program equips children with the skills needed to transition to a formal school environment and their onward learning journey.



What to Expect

Play is the primary context through which young children learn. Our Educators understand that children are active learners and through the natural process of play children will explore, use imagination as well as engage in decision making and problem solving in order to make sense of their world.

Our Educators respond to this understanding by providing learning environments and experiences that are inclusive, inviting, hands on, open ended and meaningful.

Kindergarten children are encouraged to engage in a variety of types of play in both indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Our Kindergarten program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework. We deliver an emergent curriculum that incorporates the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines and supports the premise of play-based learning.

The guideline describes a set of five learning and development areas that relate to the five broad learning outcomes identified in the EYLF:

• Children have a strong sense of identity

· Children are connected with and contribute to their world

· Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

· Children are confident and involved learners

· Children are effective communicators









Getting Ready for School

Our Kindergarten Teacher will co-ordinate several visits to local schools across the year as part of your child's transition to school process.

A formal discussion towards the end of the Kindergarten Year is scheduled to share information with parents and Teachers and support each child's transition to school. This discussion provides an opportunity for parents and other partners to collaboratively create a summary of a child's learning in the form of a transition statement.

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Useful Resources

Kindergarten Curriculum:

www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/kindergarten/curriculum

QKindy and Early Childhood Magazine:

www.deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/news/qkindy.html

Getting Our Kids Outdoors:

www.nature play qld.org.au

Transition to School:

www.deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/about/successful-transitions/info-families.html

Raising Children:

www.raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/preschoolers.html

Parentline:

www.parentline.com.au

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"The intention of the learning environment is to give children exposure to a range of materials, resources and experiences that give them practice in skill refinement, in language development, in creativity, and in play."

Kathy Walker



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