

Alderley Kindergarten



Alderley Kindergarten provides a nurturing and educational experience for children in the year before they attend Prep. We offer a Queensland Government approved Kindergarten program. We achieved an overall rating of Exceeding in the National Quality Standard.

Our Kindergarten is affiliated with Lady Gowrie QLD, who provide invaluable support and advice, whilst also ensuring that our centre maintains the highest possible standards.

Children have been taught and cared for at our Kindergarten since 1948. By engaging in our play based program children are: imagining, planning, negotiating, researching, predicting and hypothesising, problem solving, expressing ideas and feelings, collaborating and communicating.

In our role, we support children as they become caring people and effective learners, able to contribute to their world and to enjoy rich and successful relationships with others.

OUR KINDERGARTEN

Alderley Kindergarten offers consistency, with the same educators and the same group of children for the whole year.

This gives your child the opportunity to build friendships and to develop confidence and a strong sense of belonging.

Our Kindergarten is a double unit centre, with four groups of children attending each week. We have 88 places for children per year in our centre.

We offer the following Kindergarten programs:

Three Day Program: Mon/Tues/Wed

8.30am- 2.30pm

Two day program: Thurs/ Fri

8.00am-3.30pm

We have an established Outside Hours Care (OHC) Program, which gives families access to longer hours of care. Continuous care is available from 7.30am to 5.30pm. Vacation care is available during school holidays until the end of Term 4.

HOW TO ENROL

The Alderley Kindergarten waiting list application form is available on our website. There is a non-refundable \$20 fee.

Parents may place their child's name on our waiting list at any time after birth. A confirmation will be sent to you as soon as we've processed your application and received payment of the waitlist fee.

We enrol children who turn 4 prior to the 30th of June of the year they attend.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Alderley Kindergarten we believe childhood is a unique time of life, to be valued and enjoyed in its own right. This is the time where foundations are laid for future health, learning and wellbeing.

We believe:

- Children need to feel secure and happy
- Children have the right to be treated with respect and to feel safe, at all times
- It is vital for teachers and families to work together in partnership and towards the same goals. We recognise parents/ carers as their child's first and most influential teachers
- It is crucial for children to learn appropriate behaviours, to foster their understanding of what it means to belong to a group and how their actions impact on others
- Optimal learning will take place when children are provided with a rich and stimulating environment, which is responsive to their needs and interests

These principles help children to become lifelong learners. Adaptability and a positive attitude to change are vital. An increasingly complex, fast paced world awaits.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Children thrive in a play based educational setting and this is the basis of our educational program.

As children investigate and explore their surroundings, role-play, solve problems, and interact with friends, they are developing the social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills they need for life.

Our program is aligned with the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines. It emphasises the importance of belonging, being and becoming and is underpinned by the national Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) curriculum.

Numeracy concepts are developed and extended through play. Children count how many friends are here today, measure their height or the length of a construction, compare and create patterns, build with blocks or board games. Through engagement with concrete materials, they are developing basis mathematical concepts.

Literacy concepts are embedded naturally throughout the curriculum. As educators support children to label their constructions, make signs, write lists and make their own stories, they are developing an understanding that letters have meaning and purpose.

Children need this solid foundation of understanding, before they can progress to abstract learning. We make learning exciting and stimulating. Children are actively involved in the direction of the program. Our educators facilitate learning by providing for children's interests and supporting the development of their knowledge and skills. By extending play activities, they challenge children to be curious and learn in new and different ways.



OUR EDUCATORS

Each kindergarten room is led by a tertiary qualified early childhood teacher and supported by qualified educators. Children enjoy the stability of the same teachers and the same group of children to interact with during their year at Alderley Kindergarten.

Our teachers work with families to compile a record of each individual child in a 'child portfolio'. These include photographs, artworks, as well as documentation of individual child observations.

Our staff are fully qualified, highly skilled and very experienced. They regularly attend professional development programs to further develop and extend their skills. All staff hold current Senior First Aid certificates, Blue Cards and undergo Child Protection Training.

OUR FACILITIES



We have two spacious classrooms for children to play and learn in a safe, supportive environment. We have modern stacker doors that facilitate an easy flow between the indoor and outdoor environment, a shared kitchen with a raised platform for cooking experiences, and a newly renovated children's bathroom. There are art sinks and fridges in each room and a compactus to store our vast range of resources.

The classrooms open out to an expansive outdoor play area. It offers a range of different spaces including a sandpit, swing space, newly renovated tree house, digging patch, three large shade trees, fairy garden, vegetable garden and a paved walkway linking areas, all of which support an easy progression and flow of play.

Our gardens provide a natural and sensory-rich environment for children and educators to engage in play together.

OUTSIDE HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Our Outside Hours Care (OHC) Program is offered Monday to Friday during term from 7.30am in the morning until 5.30pm in the afternoon and is located on the premises. This gives families access to longer hours of care.

We offer continuity of educators, in the same familiar environment, both before and after Kindergarten. This means that your child can be provided with continuous care from 7.30am to 5.30pm. It is an additional user-pays service for parents. Your child can attend the OHC program on a permanent or casual basis.

Our OHC program engages a coordinator and an educator at all times, each with the required qualifications and experience. At full capacity there is a maximum of 22 children per day. OHC is not available on public holidays and pupil free days.

We also offer a Vacation Care program that runs during school holidays from 8.30am to 5.30pm. The Vacation Care Program is available for all holiday periods, until the end of Term 4.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are a community-based, not for profit Kindergarten, run by the community and for the community. All profits and moneys raised go back into the Kindergarten to further upgrade and replenish resources and facilities.

Our Kindergarten attracts families who are keen to be involved. Parents are encouraged and welcome to contribute formally as part of the Management Committee, and informally as participants in our daily educational program.

We believe it is vital to make learning visible to parents and employ a wide range of strategies and approaches to facilitate this process. Parents and special friends regularly participate in events throughout the year. Our community volunteers are also involved in working bees and fundraising activities. Most parents find that becoming involved in the Kindergarten is an extremely satisfying way to have real input into their child's education.

PARENT TESTIMONIALS



"I have two children who have experienced a few excellent day care centres however nothing comes close to comparing with the amazing time at Alderley Kindergarten. My girls looked forward to every day at Kindy and my oldest child still talks fondly of her Kindy years. It is fun, inspirational, creative play based learning that encourages and nurtures astonishing developmental leaps. I can't recommend Alderley Kindy highly enough"
- Annie

"Sending my daughter to Kindy was stressful. We had no idea where to go; we were concerned about our child and how she will handle this huge step in her life. Turns out she handled it perfectly and it was just Mum and Dad who were worried for no reason at all, and this all comes down to Alderley Kindy.

The place is not only welcoming and the kids learn SOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!, but it is fun. The fact that the parents can be a huge part of their kids' kindy experience was the best part for me. I can't wait for my other daughter to start there is 3 years time so I can do it all over again"

- Paul & Cassie



"Our son was afforded attention and direction that was tailored to his strengths and weaknesses, which produced such beneficial results in terms for developing his character, helping him learn context and develop better perspective.

Alderley Kindy is supported by a very well run After Hours Care program, which gave us the flexibility we needed to manage our different work and personal schedules. The children form wonderful friendships with their peers and teachers, and this Kindy does a fantastic job in harvesting a warm and inclusive community spirit"

- Michelle



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