

Starting Kindy

Well the time has come and your child is starting kindy. It's time to send them off into the big wild world. For some children this will be their first step towards independence. There may be tears, anxiety, uncertainty...

Here are a few things that we think will help your understanding and expectations of your child's experience at Angle Vale Preschool.

- We are very **CHILD CENTRED**, and **PLAY ORIENTATED**. Your child will have extended periods of time to explore and create according to their own interests. This is widely acknowledged as **BEST PRACTICE** in the industry.
- We will be carefully monitoring, especially in the initial stages, your child's **EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**. From this foundation all learning and development grows.
- **SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS** are very important to your child's development. Your child's main teachers will be their peers.
- Your child will be encouraged to become a **RISK ASSESSOR** and **TAKER**. They will be allowed to climb trees, play with sticks, and rocks, wrestle with peers. Staff will of course be monitoring these situations, and will help your child establish boundaries. Scrapes, bumps and bruises are a part of life and are 'teachable moments' especially in the initial stages.



We encourage children to engage in their environment in a fulsome way. On occasion, **THEY WILL GET DIRTY**...e.g mud play is a very common play experience programmed by educators. It promotes: sensory processing, emotional

- contentment, vocabulary development, motor skills, peer interactions, etc. We recommend you send your child to kindy in 'play' clothes, sensible shoes and always pack a change please.
- **NUMERACY and LITERACY DEVELOPMENT** are non-negotiable components of our programme and are built into the children's play experiences. All staff are aware of the Early Years Numeracy and

Literacy Indicators, as well as the national curriculum framework: Becoming, Belonging and Being. We monitor and document all children's development through these lenses.

What you won't see much of at Angle Vale Preschool:

- Stencils and black line masters- brains are much more active and stimulated during creative experiences.
- Long mat Times, because really they become exercises in compliance
- Experiences and routines that mimic school. Many schools are actually introducing 'play based' learning in their classrooms.
- Experiences that are developmentally questionable such as formal **GRADUATION CEREMONIES** where the children do a lot of sitting and waiting.
- Rote learning experiences- we encourage understanding through exploration and play rather than the ability to repeat without real comprehension.



What you will see:

- Open ended experiences that invite participation at all developmental levels both inside and outside.
- An environment that reflects creative, happy, vibrant children.
- Positive, warm, nurturing interactions between staff, children and their families
- A family friendly environment that invites community participation through events such as- art exhibitions, twilight (after hours) sessions, obstacle-a-thons.



Any worries or concerns? Please speak to us immediately. We will listen respectfully. We want your experience with us to be a happy one.