

Toys

Please ask your child to keep their own toys safe at home. Sometimes it may be appropriate to bring something special to show us but then it needs to be taken home by the parent and not left at Kindergarten.

Risky Play

At Gladigau Park Kindergarten, we view children as capable and competent. This means that children have opportunities to take calculated risks within the active learning environment. During their time at Kindy, children will have access to low melt glue guns, complete wood work using 'real tools' and challenge themselves physically in a range of ways, including through climbing trees. Learning to effectively assess the level of risk is an important skill that can only be learned through having a go. We make every effort to talk about the safety aspects of these experiences and encourage children to exercise care when taking risks. Please speak to a staff member if you have any concerns or would like to know more about the benefits of allowing children to take risks.

A hazard is something a child does not see.

A risk is a challenge a child can see and chooses to undertake or not.

Eliminating risk leads to a child's inability to assess danger.

Staff

Our staff are a dedicated team of caring professionals who aim to provide quality education and care for all children, in consultation with parents. We aim to provide a partnership with families, enabling us to provide the best possible care for each individual child. Staff photographs are displayed for you to become familiar with and identify them.

There will be several staff working in the Centre, and these consist of Teachers, Early Childhood Workers, and Support Workers, working on a full or part-time basis. Each team member brings with them a rich variety of educational experiences and levels of qualifications. The Centre actively promotes ongoing staff training and development opportunities. Our staff have undertaken training in First Aid For Preschools. All staff and volunteers are trained in Mandated Notification, and as such are required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse to the relevant agency. All staff and volunteers are required to undertake a Criminal History Check.

From time to time the Centre hosts students who may be taking the Children's Services Diploma or a Bachelor of Teaching in Early Childhood and will be under staff supervision during their placements. Responsibility of the children remains with the staff team at all times.

We welcome you and your child to our Kindergarten and we hope you enjoy your Kindergarten experience!