



Kalangadoo Kindergarten Information



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Staff

Director- Jo Wilson

Finance Officer- Tanya Frost

Early Childhood Workers- Kelly Gamble, Amanda Sigston

Opening Hours

EVEN WEEKS

Tuesday	9.00-3.00
Wednesday	9.00-3.00
Thursday	9.00-3.00

ODD WEEKS

Wednesday	9.00-3.00
Thursday	9.00-3.00

Program information

Note: Programs only run during each school term

Playgroup

Is a valuable educator supported programme for parents and children to connect and interact with the community in a fun setting. If you and your family are interested in regularly attending please ask our educators for information.

Excluding Public Holidays.

Occasional Care

Wednesday 9am – 12pm

Two Occasional Care Programs are offered and are integrated with the full time Kindergarten program.

The two programs are:

Children under 2 years

Children Aged 2 – 4 years

Fees:

Health Care Card Concessions: \$1.50 per session

Standard Fee: \$5.00 per session

*Occasional Care Sibling Fees:

Families with more than one child enrolled receive a 50% reduction of the fee for the second and any subsequent children attending in the same term.

Transitional Kickstart Kids

Thursday 9am – 3pm

Kickstart Kids is a transitional program for children commencing kindergarten in the following year. Children accessing Kick Start Kids are to be toilet trained, please speak to staff if you have any questions or need support surrounding toileting.

Fees

Half day sessions **(Term 1 & 2)** \$5 per ½ day

Termly invoices are given for \$50 for a 10wk term

Full day session **(Term 3 & 4)** \$10 per day

Termly invoices are given for \$100 for a 10wk term

Preschool fees and Kickstart fees can be paid yearly or termly or by instalments in consultation with the Director.

Kindergarten

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Tuesday	9.00-3.00
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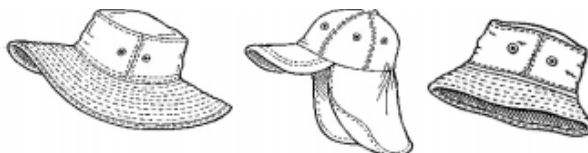
Fees:

\$110 per term, families invoiced each term.

You can pay your fees for the year in advance via cheque, cash or directly into the Kindergarten bank account please notify the Director or Finance Officer if this is the case.

What to pack

•A hat- which must be a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire's cap. Hats are to be kept in children's bags or lockers when they are not wearing them.



- Sunscreen (if your child has sunscreen allergies or sensitive skin).
- Water bottle.
- Healthy snack.
- Lunch if your child is staying for a full day.
- A couple of sets of spare clothes. Appropriate to the weather
- Occasional Care- please pack nappies and wipes.

Further information

- Kalangadoo Kindergarten's Policies & Procedures Handbook is on display in the sign in area next to the entrance.
- Please label everything with your child's name – staff can provide permanent markers.
- Please apply sunscreen at home before coming to kindergarten. If your child is allergic or sensitive to any sunscreens please notify staff and supply your own sunscreen in their bag.
- It is not recommended to send special toys or valuables to kindy as they may get lost, broken or 'borrowed'. If your child wishes to bring these, please see staff and they can be kept safely in the office.
- Please do not send your child in thongs as this is a safety issue. Comfortable clothing that is not precious is preferable. There are polo shirts available to order through an external business please see staff for details. We actively learn through play at our kindy and so dirt, paint, stains and mud are highly likely!!
- Please follow our Sun Protection Policy when dressing your child – shoulders must be covered.

Curriculum: We use the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia as our curriculum guide. Children are seen as capable and competent learners and we endeavour to provide an emergent curriculum following and planning from children's interests. Real life learning and the natural environment are a key focus. The surrounding community is seen as a learning resource and we welcome any suggestions for learning experiences from parents. Educators work with children to follow and extend their interests and learning and we reflect and plan fortnightly for children on an individual and small group basis.

Daily Routine: Our daily routine has been organised in a way to support and maximise learning opportunities for the children attending our site. Daily routine times are flexible and not set in stone enabling us to support child learning and engagement through both planned and spontaneous experiences. We believe that is essential for children to have continuous periods of uninterrupted play to fully explore and develop through playful learning opportunities.

Food Requirements: We actively promote healthy eating at Kalangadoo Kindergarten. Please provide healthy options for healthy snack time in the morning (fruit, vegetables, cheese, yoghurt, natural popcorn etc.) and a healthy lunch. You may like to put an ice block in your child's lunch box to keep it cool on hot days. Under the National Quality Standards, we are obliged to monitor children's lunch boxes. Items that are not healthy will be kept for eating last or at home.

Drinks: Water in a drink bottle only. Please ensure this has a name on it.

Allergies or Medical Conditions: It is vital that staff are notified of any child's allergies and the appropriate treatment, along with a written health care plan from the doctor. If your child develops an allergy or any other form of medical condition while at kindergarten, please let us know immediately.

Attendance: We encourage regular attendance as we believe that children gain maximum benefits from the learning programs if they are regularly attending.

Please sign your child in each day and ensure that we know who will be picking them up. We prefer that you call that morning or let a staff member know in advance if your child will not be attending.

-Please also ensure that we have up to date information about contact numbers for both parents and emergency contact people. Please arrive on time as it supports the children when settling into the learning program for that day. Give the kindy a call if you are going to be late picking children up or if there is a change of pick up person and ensure that you sign your child out at the end of the day.

Communication: Each child has a pocket on the wall next to the sign in table. Notes, newsletters and receipts are placed in these pockets. Please check them every day. Newsletters are usually sent out two to three times a term. These contain lots of information about our curriculum, program, diary dates and Governing Council news etc.

Staff are available for brief discussions and queries at the beginning and end of sessions, however if you would like an extended time to talk please arrange a meeting with the Director. We enjoy sharing information with families and are happy to organise meetings at any time during their enrolment at our kindergarten.

Excursion policy: We acknowledge the importance of excursions to enhance children's learning and development. Therefore, we may organise and participate in excursions. We will notify parents well in advance of the date, destination, times and transport. Each parent will be given a consent form for their participating child. Parents may be asked to help with excursions throughout the year (we truly value your help and support).

Procedure:

- A checklist will be used to note the return of consent forms.
- Excursions will be developmentally and age appropriate to the children.
- A Risk Management Assessment will be carried out before the excursion by the Director and staff.
- Parents and volunteers are welcome to participate in excursions.
- Supervision should be arranged on a basis of at least one adult to each five children, or more adults depending on the type of excursion. A roll call will be carried out to account for children on leaving the centre, on arrival at destination, leaving the destination and on return to centre
- Water for drinking, consent forms, mobile phone and the First Aid kit will be taken.
- Excursions scheduled for days of *extreme fire danger* will be cancelled if they include travel outside the town limits (60km zone)

At times we may go on short walking excursions- these walks will be short distances from the kindergarten and there will be adequate adults in attendance. All due care will be taken to ensure your child's wellbeing and safety at all times. Examples of places we visit are:

-Kalangadoo Primary School (library, oval, wetlands)

-‘The Shop’ Kalangadoo General Store

-Community Playground

-Krieger's Post Office

There will be a note asking for your permission for your child to attend such short excursions coming out early Term 1 if you do not wish for your child to be involved in these short excursions please specify this on the note.

Smoke Free Policy: Smoking is not permitted in the kindergarten or school grounds. Smoking is prohibited at all DECD workplaces (including government vehicles), activities and is not permitted within ten metres of children's playground or perimeter of a DECD site.

Library (Kindergarten & Kickstart Kids): We will be regularly visiting the Primary School's library, children are welcome to borrow and return books during these visits.

Laundry Roster: The laundry roster is on the community board above the lockers. It is expected that Kindergarten & Kickstart families will help out with this to keep our cleaning and laundry costs down.

Governing Council: The Governing Council is formed at an AGM in Term 1. Parents of children currently enrolled and other interested parents are eligible and very welcome to join the Governing Council. We hold meetings twice a term at the kindergarten. All parents are welcome to attend Governing Council at any stage during the year.

Reporting Children's Progress: Portfolio folders are developed for each kindergarten child. They contain information about the curriculum, observation notes, photos and work samples. This builds a picture of your child's learning and development during their time at kindergarten. You are welcome to look at your child's folder at any time – please see a staff member. Meetings can be arranged at any time to discuss your child's progress. Please speak to the Director.

-Kindergarten Summative Reports will be written for your child as they finish kindergarten and will be passed on to the school with parental permission.

Kickstart and Occasional Care families can connect with the Kindergarten through the SeeSaw App, this allows you to view work samples, learning inquiries, small short videos and photos of your child's learning journey during their time at Kalangadoo Kindergarten.

Transition Program: Our transition program for Kindergarten children begins in Term 4. The program is organised in conjunction with the Kalangadoo Primary School, transition information pamphlets are sent out to families. Children attending our site also have regular contact with Kalangadoo Primary School throughout the year with regular visits/special events held both at the Primary School and Kindergarten.

Special Education Services: Special Education Services such as Speech Pathology are available for children who have additional needs. Please do not hesitate to discuss your child's needs with the Director. We can also help you to refer your child to Community Health or Child and Youth Health to support your child's learning. Early entry and extension of time at kindergarten may be negotiated with the Director for children and families with special needs.

Parent Participation: We love having parents joining in with our learning –If you have any particular skills talents or cultural background you would like to share with the children, please let us know. Even if you don't an extra pair of hands to help with learning, special activities or excursions are always welcome!!!

No Jab No Play: Notice to parents/caregivers implementation 7 August 2020

The early childhood services and immunisation requirements legislation (No Jab, No Play) is an amendment to the South Australian Public Health Act 2011.

This new law comes into effect on 7 August 2020. It means that in order for a child to attend an early childhood service after that date they must have all age-appropriate vaccines as set out in the National Immunisation Program (www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation)

Families will need to provide the following information to their early childhood service as soon as possible:

- ☐ a copy of your child's current immunisation record; or
- ☐ evidence that your child has an approved exemption; or
- ☐ evidence that your child is on a catch up schedule.

If you have already provided these records you do not need to provide another copy.

We are required to keep a copy of these records while your child is enrolled in an early childhood service so that the Chief Public Health Officer has them to hand in order to protect susceptible children in the event of any type of vaccine preventable outbreak.

More information

Immunisation Section, Communicable Disease Control Branch, phone 1300 232 272 or visit:

- ☐ www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation
- ☐ SA Health parent and carer FAQ

☐ SA Health early childhood service provider FAQ

If you have any questions please contact the team at Kalangadoo kindergarten.