

MALLALA PRESCHOOL



General information



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Welcome

We welcome you and your child to our centre. We hope your time with us will be enjoyable and rewarding. We look forward to getting to know you and your child! Early Childhood Educators recognise and value parents as their child's most important Educators - no one knows more about your child than you do! Our role is to provide an extension of your care and education.

Centre management

Mallala Preschool is a school-based preschool. Management responsibilities lie with the nominated supervisor and school principal, Sharon Okmasich.

The Mallala Primary School Governing Council oversees the broad direction of the Preschool and assists with fundraising and maintenance through working bees. A parent representative from the preschool is elected to the governing council each year.

Parents are welcome to share ideas and concerns with educators or members of the governing council. Governing council meetings are held twice a term. These meetings usually occur at 7pm on Tuesdays in weeks 3 and 8.

Please note that only governing council members can attend these meetings unless a vote is held before the meeting to allow a visitor.

Why is preschool important for your child?

Preschool is a stepping stone from the home environment before the child starts school and provides the child with a new sense of independence. Educators at Mallala Preschool aim to provide a happy, warm and secure environment, rich in many play and learning activities which will stimulate and nurture each child's social, emotional, creative, physical and intellectual development.

In a happy, secure preschool environment, children have additional opportunities to:

- Be independent
- Develop positive self esteem
- Communicate with other children and adults
- Separate from parents
- Follow instructions
- Ask for help
- Understand and express needs, feelings and ideas
- Share adult attention

- TAKE turns and share
- Listen for longer periods- group time
- Concentrate for longer periods
- Remember and follow rules and routines
- Develop an appreciation of expressive arts- music, singing, drama, etc
- Observe, question, reason and begin to organise knowledge and solve problems
- Extend their interest, knowledge and understanding of basic concepts (colour, shape, etc) numbers, words and letters through relevant and meaningful activities
- Develop coordination skills
- Play cooperatively
- Learn to accept rules happily, and to handle feelings of hostility and aggression in a positive manner
- Solve problems peacefully
- Work alone and in a group
- Make friends
- Be eager for new experiences
- Be happy, have fun and develop a sense of humour
- Listen and take turns to talk
- Develop speech and language skills
- Respect other people-their ideas, their feelings and their property
- Develop an awareness of and respect for the environment
- Develop an awareness and understanding of other cultures

Things you can do to help your child

- Loving, giving reassurance and listening to your child
- Reading to and with your child
- Talking with your child
- Allowing them to use pencils, crayons, chalk, scissors, glue and paint
- Having scrap paper readily available
- Encouraging your child to dress themselves, to cope with toileting and nose wiping
- Showing positive interest in the things your child does
- Showing an interest in Mallala Preschool and helping in any way you are able.

Communication with parents

This is done in a variety of ways:

- Newsletters are printed regularly and placed in pigeon holes.
- Communication through the Skoolbag phone app
- Children's Learning Journey Folders.
- Notices are written on the preschool white board on the outside of the building.
- Talking to the educators – approach educators at drop off or pick up or make an appointment to meet at another time.
- Our program is displayed near the sign-in folder with space for parents and families to provide feedback and ideas.

You are welcome at the centre and can help by:

- Contributing help at end of term clean-up.
- Participating in fundraising activities or special events/ excursions.
- Maintenance tasks, which are sometimes done at a working bee, or at another time.
- Donating goods for playdough/ tissues/ making materials (eg boxes, scrap material, ribbon etc).

Absences from preschool

To enable each child to gain maximum benefit from participation and to ensure continuity of learning, regular attendance is essential. the preschool needs to be advised if a child is unable to attend. This can be done by phoning the school or through the skoolbag app. infections can be prevented from spreading if unwell children are kept home. Please inform educators of contagious diseases, so that notification can be made to all families to be aware of symptoms. If your child is absent from preschool due to appointments, vacation, etc., please inform educators.