

SEACLIFF COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

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Welcome to Seacliff Community Kindergarten. We look forward to your child starting with us. The following information is provided to get you started with your child's first day at kindergarten. For more comprehensive information including the kindergartens policies and our kindergarten program please go to our website at www.seacliffkgn.sa.edu.au

WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING EACH DAY (Please ensure that all children's belongings are named.)

A bag to hold their belongings

Fruit or a healthy snack

Packed lunch

A sun safe hat

Practical casual clothing plus a change of clothing in their bag

Fruit Time

Children access their own fruit or snack during the morning. Staff will encourage your child to sit and have their snack during this time. Please note this kindergarten is a nut free centre. We have a healthy food policy (available at the centre and via our website) and encourage you to send fruit, or healthy alternatives such as dried fruit, cheese, yogurt, vegetables or nutritious snacks. If your child has special needs regarding their eating eg oral eating plan or allergies to food please ensure that you have met with the Director to complete Health Care Plans necessary to ensure your child's health and safety while at kindergarten.

Lunch

Children are supervised for their lunch and eat in small groups at approximately 12 noon. We ask you to pack a healthy lunch for your child which is kept in their bag until lunch time. Please place a cold pack into your child's lunch box to keep their food cool. We teach children about the rainbow of foods and encourage you to think about ways that your child's lunch can provide them with opportunities to experience foods of different, textures, smells, tastes and colours. We encourage families to minimize packaging and highly processed foods.

Fresh filtered water and clean cups are provided at kindergarten however we request each child to have a drink bottle with water to encourage them to drink sufficiently during the day.

Clothing

Please dress your child in comfortable clothing with the view that they may get dirty or stained. We encourage children to move and climb and have fun with the natural environment so it is important that they have well fitting shoes that enable them and move without worrying about losing their shoes. Please include a spare set of named clothing in their bag just in case they get wet or need to change during the day. Staff will assist them if needed. You may wish to purchase hats and kindergarten clothing with our logo. These pieces of clothing can be sourced directly from eduthreads.com.au. Samples are on display at kindergarten if interested.

Sun Safe Policy

Children are required to have a sun safe hat (brimmed hat or legionnaire style hat) at all times. Staff monitor the UV rating and if it is forecasted to be above 3 the children must wear their hat while playing outside. Parents are also asked to check the UV rating at home and apply sunscreen to their child prior to coming to kindergarten particularly between August and the end of April each year. We assist your child to learn about sun safety including reapplication of sunscreen, playing in shaded areas and having sun safe clothing as part of the learning program. If your child requires their own sunscreen please inform us and supply a small container of sunscreen to the Centre. Please consider the clothing your child wears to protect their skin. Shirts with sleeves and longer shorts to provide added protection. Children are encouraged to play in the shade and staff make alterations to the program according to our Sun Safe Policy (accessible on our website) when necessary.

Arrival and Departure (please note this may vary according to COVID directions)

Our aim is to build trusting and secure relationships with children. This can sometimes take time particularly if Kindergarten is the first experience your child has had outside the family. Beginning your day well with your child can help them to have a happy time.

Please bring your child into the kindergarten on arrival and encourage them to put their own bag into a locker situated on the veranda. Educators will be available to answer any questions you may have and to make you feel welcome at the Centre. Parents are generally not expected to leave quickly and are encouraged to help their children settle happily into their day. If we are still

under direction regarding COVID we may request that parents stay in the outdoor area and maintain physical distancing). If you feel that a shorter day is beneficial to your child as they start kindergarten please feel free to modify the times of attendance.

Our normal sessions for Kindergarten start at 8.30am. Please sign the attendance sheet on arrival. We ask that you note the session times and do not arrive before that time unless arranged with the Director as staff are involved in setting up the kindergarten and discussing children's needs for the day. If your child is to be collected by someone else including Out of School Hours Care at the end of the session please record it on our sign in sheet and let us know.

If you are collecting your child earlier than the normal end of the session we ask that you record the time you have collected your child on the attendance sheet. Please refer to our Safe arrival and Drop off procedure on our website for more information.

Child Information

See Saw is an important communication App for communicating with parents. Please check your child's note pocket and Seesaw regularly to ensure that you are up to date with the happenings at Kindergarten. New parents will receive an email to join our closed See Saw group. Notice pockets are in the entrance foyer. Fees invoices and excursion consent forms will be put into the notice pockets. Learning documentation will be provided to families via Seesaw, parent conversations and samples of work your child may bring home. Please take an interest in your child's learning and provide us with feedback and input into the learning they are involved in at kindergarten. Other information including the centres policies, staff for the day and operating details are available for your information in the foyer or on our website.

Children with Special Rights

Children with medical conditions and/or specific learning needs or disabilities may require appropriate adjustments or support services to optimally access the curriculum and have their health care/learning needs met while at kindergarten. Providing for this and planning early provides the best outcomes for their care and learning. If your child has special rights that need to be planned for and supported while at kindergarten it is important that you speak with the Director to develop a Care /Education Plan for your child prior to them starting kindergarten. Once these plans are in place communication strategies and review times will be negotiated on an individual basis.

Fees

Fee Invoices will be issued twice per year. Payment can be made either via EFT (details on the Invoice) or by cash or cheque to the kindergarten. Parents may choose to pay for the total year (\$760), half yearly (\$380) or termly (\$190).

Attendance and Absence

State Government funding for staff at our centre is determined on attendances of children so it is important that your child attends regularly to maintain our staffing level but please do not send children if they are unwell.

Let the staff know if your child is to be absent. In the case of infectious illness it is very important for us to know. The kindergarten will advise families of any case of infectious diseases or illnesses within the centre.

We look forward to seeing you on your child's first day of Kindergarten. We hope they have a great start to their kindergarten year. All staff are available to discuss and share information with you. If you wish to discuss anything in detail specific times may be arranged as well.

Cheers Sharon Jaensch
Director, Seacliff community Kindergarten