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Taikurrendi Vision and Values in action



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Taikurrendi [pron. Tie-ka-rendi] comes from the local Kurna Aboriginal language meaning, 'to be mixed, together.'

2024



Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre Vision

Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre is a safe place for every child and family, where culture will develop and thrive. Partnerships and relationships are created as we lead new ways and provide opportunities through staff, children and family's education and learning. We will always aspire to reflect a socially just environment that values the identity of our community.

Values

Relationship and Friendship – are at the foundations of our work with children, families and our community.

Belonging – all children, families and staff are feeling cultural safe, connected and welcomed.

Kindness - everyone will be treated with kindness and it is what we expect from our staff, children and families.

Courage - We encourage our staff to be brave and bold educators as we strive for innovation and creativity.



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'Growth for every child,
in every class,
in every classroom
and every preschool'

Acknowledging the traditional owners of the land we provide a service on is important to us at Taikurrendi. Every morning the children acknowledge the Kurna people, with this song: The Niinna Marni Song

(Welcome song in the Kurna Language).

Ninna Marni Song

Ninna Marni, Ninna Marni

Marn'ai, Marn'ai

Wanti niina, Wanti niina

Wardi-ana, Wardi-ana

Hello– how are you?

Where you going? Where you going?

We're going home, We're going home.

Healthy Lunch Ideas

Staff at Taikurrendi aim to promote nutritional eating habits in a safe, supportive environment for all children. We believe that early childhood is an important time for establishing lifelong, healthy eating habits and can benefit the children in important ways:

- Short term: Maximise growth, development and activity whilst minimising illness
- Long term: Minimise the risk of diet related diseases later in life e.g. heart disease, strokes, some cancers and diabetes

Here are some great lunchbox ideas for your growing child



We aspire to be a site that embeds sustainable practices throughout the programs we provide. Please think GREEN when packing lunches.

-try to limit single use plastic. Try bee's wax wraps or reusable containers.

-let us know if you have chooks at home— we love sending home food and fruit scraps.

-we clean and repurpose containers and some packaging in our kindy program and incorporate it into creative learning experiences and outside play. We welcome your ideas and feedback to improve.



Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre

The Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre has been developed in partnership with DfE and the Federal government through the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership. It brings together education, health and family services. Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre incorporates a committed focus on supporting Aboriginal families with young children to provide the best possible start in life.

The centre is located next to Christies Beach Primary School. Taikurrendi Children and Family centre works together with allied support services to deliver education and support for the community. The centre is open to all children and families and provides targeted support when it is needed.

Services offered include:

- High quality Early Childhood Education and care programs underpinned by a culturally responsive approach to learning.
- 56 place preschool, Occasional Care, Transition program and playgroups.
- Integrated health and family support.
- Community development and engagement opportunities.

We are a site committed to supporting education and workforce participation for our community and make very effort to provide collegiate support and shared learning opportunities.

Taikurrendi team

Director of Education and Care: Catherine Cavouras

Preschool teacher: Mary-Anne S, Selena W, Heidi S & Elizabeth G

Early Childhood Educators: Aunty Mela, Peta G, Jaeleigh N + Nelly Q

Occasional Care: Kate H and Lili S-L

Family Practitioner: TBA

Community Development Worker : Steph Dix

Speech Pathologist: Tara Anderson

Occupational Therapist: Bec Johns

Admin Support: Casey F, Rachel D + Finance Officer: Monica B

Operating times 2024

Taikurrendi preschool operates on a full time basis. As of 2023 there has been a change to the number of intakes for government preschools. Children who are turning or have turned 4 years old before the 1st May are eligible to begin preschool in term 1. Children turning 4yrs old after 1st May but before 31st Oct will be able to begin preschool in a mid year intake— beginning term 3, 2024.

Early access to preschool programs allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) children, children under the Guardianship of the Minister and children with additional rights to access early entry to preschool if places are available. If you have any questions regarding this please speak with the Director.

*Eligible children are entitled to 15hrs of preschool (2 ½ days) per week.



Occasional Care -Kuula (koala's)

DfE Occasional Care is a service for children under school age. During the year we are offering Occasional Care to families that may not otherwise have access to care or respite.

Occasional Care is low cost integrated care for children 12 months+. Cost per session: \$1.50(Conc) and \$5.00 (non Conc) payable on the day.

Occasional sessions *subject to change Bookings essential

Sessions are made up of Over 2s and Under 2s.

- **Tue 8.45am-11.30am**
- **Tue 12.00-2.45pm**
- **Wed 8.45am-11.30am**

Bookings can be made with Catherine or Kate.

Please provide— a healthy snack, water bottle and change of nappy and clothes and a broad brim hat)

Please call or txt if your child will not be attending on the day. Each term we open up bookings to ensure that we can share this wonderful opportunity with more families.

Policies

We are guided by DfE Policies and Procedures. We are currently developing information for families that address specific areas and issues. In line with DfE 'No Jab No Play' policy children must be immunised to access to education programs. See Director for more information. The DfE website www.education.sa.gov.au has a range of policies that all sites must adhere to. In addition to this Taikurrendi have site based policies that include -Positive Behaviour, Sun Safety, Water Safety, Healthy eating guidelines, Raising A Concern or Complaint, Interactions with Children, Safe sleep + Rest, Transportation. Hard copies are available upon request.

Please see the Director if required.

Lunch care

Lunch care is supported by staff members from 11:30am and 12:30pm approx. Children engage in mindfulness/relaxation time followed by lunch where children eat together, connect and staff have the opportunity to have lunch breaks and reset the learning environment for the afternoon session.

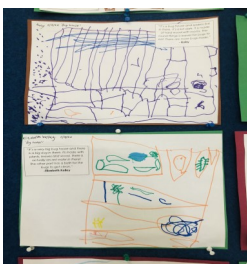
The learning program is developed and planned by Early Childhood teachers with a focus on learning through play. The program reflects learning experiences that support skill development and lead by children's interests. A copy of the learning program is on display. We value family feedback and sharing their child's learning at home—the program book is a great place to share your ideas.

Each child has an information pocket at the main entrance that we use for communication etc. Please check on a regular basis.

Parent Advisory Group

Family and community input and decision making is critical to the operational success of the preschool. Taikurrendi Children and Family centre will form a Parent Advisory Group in term 1, 2024 and will call an Annual General meeting to develop its key decision making body. All families are warmly welcome and invited to participate. Meetings are relaxed, informative and enjoyable. Parent volunteers provide leadership and contribute to learning outcomes of children. We welcome participation of families, ideas and requests to enhance the learning program at Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre

Meetings held twice every term- all welcome.



Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre Preschool Sessions

2024

Yambo (dolphin) group

Monday: 8.45am-3.00pm

Tuesday: 8.45am- 3:00pm

*Friday: 8.45am-11.30am *eligible 4yr olds only

Naahla (echidna) group

Wednesday: 8.45am-3.00pm

Thursday: 8.45am-3.00pm

*Friday: 8.45am-11.30am *eligible 4yr olds only

We are privileged to be able to access 4 closure days a year (no kindly session) for all our team to engage in learning together. To minimise impact on families and children we aim to have these termly and on a Friday. We will ensure that we notify you in a timely manner. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Term dates	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2024	Mon 29 Jan to Fri 12 Apr	Mon 29 April to Fri 5 Jul	Mon 22 Jul to Fri 27 Sept	Mon 14 Oct to Fri 12 Dec

At Taikurrendi we recognise the importance of language being central to culture and make a commitment to respectfully use Kaurna language in our site to honour this. The names of our learning groups reflect this.

Yambo (dolphin), Naahla (echidna) and Kuula (koala) come from the Kaurna language.

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Parent contribution fees are set at \$60 per term

Parent contribution fees are used to resource the learning program, are set by Governing council and reviewed on an annual basis. Parent contribution fees are collected at the beginning of each term and instalment payments can be negotiated with the Director. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any questions.

Programming, reporting

The National Early Years Learning Framework, 'Belonging, Being, Becoming', was developed as part of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care and is used by educators as a framework for our learning program. The framework has a focus on play-based learning. When children play, they learn about themselves, other people and the environment around them. It is through play where children develop skills to communicate, gain confidence, develop physical skills, problem solve and engage learners.

At Taikurrendi we have embedded a range of approaches to support children's learning including trauma informed practice and the *Learning Together* approach to care for children's wellbeing and to support the development of lifelong learning skills and dispositions. We focus our learning program through -Inquiry which is driven by children's interests and needs. We provide opportunities to share their ideas which leads the learning program. The Early Years Learning Framework has a strong focus on the development of communication, literacy, cultural responsiveness, social and emotional needs for all young children. We ensure that children's learning is communicated regularly to families through formal and informal parent conversations, learning stories and statements of learning at the end of their kindy year.



What your child will need to bring to preschool

- A preschool bag (with name on)
- Fruit or vegetable for shared fruit time (morning/afternoon)
- A healthy lunch (e.g. salad roll, vegemite sandwich, salad, ham, cheese etc)
- If yoghurt/cheese/sliced meats are packed remember to put a cooler block in lunch box to ensure it is kept at the right temperature. ***And... please leave chips, rollups, cakes etc for special treats at home.***
- Water bottle (named) *we provide drinking water for children to top up drink bottle and/or access throughout the day.
- A change of spare clothes kept in their bag (we encourage children to be involved in painting and messy play and just in case we have toileting accidents)
- Broad brim hat (named) recommended- bright broad brim Taikurrendi hats are available, cost \$10- see Catherine.

2024 we are a nut free site due to children having a severe allergy to nuts and nut based products. Please do not send in whole nuts, use nut based spreads eg. peanut butter. Thankyou

Parents or carers are encouraged to support transition into their learning program with their child, staff team sign children in and out on the daily attendance record.

If your child is away (especially if sick) or you are planning to be away during the preschool term please let staff know, this supports our planning.

Phone 8186 1102 or txt mb 0419 401 866.

We ask families to apply sun cream to your child before they come to kindy and staff will support children to reapply after lunch.

Kindy is a time for messy and fast moving play — pop your child in clothes and footwear that make this easy.

And...label everything! Ngaityalya, thankyou.

