



Eildon and District

Kindergarten

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4 yr old group

Mon 9-2pm

Tues 9-2pm

Wed 9-2pm

3 yr old group

Tues 9-2pm

Wed 9-2pm

Belonging, Being and Becoming – EYLF (Early Years Learning Framework)

Welcome!

At Eildon and District Kindergarten, we are dedicated to providing a nurturing and enriching early learning environment. Our child centred planned program encourages all children to have a sense of Belonging, Becoming and Being, while promoting a strong social/emotional and educational foundation for every child's future.



BEING:

Childhood is a time to be, to seek and to make meaning of the world "Being" in the "here and now" in children's lives. It is about the present and them knowing themselves, building and maintaining relationships with others, engaging with life's joys and meeting challenges in everyday life. The early childhood years are not solely preparation for the future but also about the present. At Eildon Kinder, we value learning through play, experiences that are enjoyable, exciting, sparking curiosity and interest.

BECOMING:

Children's identities, knowledge, understandings, abilities, skills and relationships change during childhood. They are shaped by many different events and circumstances. Becoming reflects this process of rapid and significant change that occurs in the early years as young children learn and grow, learning to participate fully and actively in society.

"I like hammering nails, I could be a builder" - Kayden

BELONGING:

Children belong first to a family, then a wider community, and part of that community is the kindergarten community. In early childhood, and throughout life, relationships are crucial to a sense of belonging. Eildon Kindergarten is an inclusive learning environment where every child's strengths, interests, values, culture, opinions and uniqueness is celebrated and respected. Our program cultivates authentic, caring relationships and connections, creating a feeling of safety for children within our kinder family. We strive to create a sense of belonging among and between the children, adults and the world around them. We do this by inviting children and families to be actively involved in the curriculum, connecting families and community with their learning environment, following their individual interests and valuing all children equally.



Our program includes: Bush kinder, Nursing home visits, Ditto (Braveheart education empowering children's personal safety), Healesville Sanctuary ex, Tobogganing ex Lake Mountain, Community Emergency Services Day, Elf Reading Day, Cooking, Art/Craft, Music and Movement, Puppets, Road/Traffic Safety, Barry Peters Music Show, Responsible Pet Ownership Presentation, Farm Safety Ed and Lots of free play and engaging activities in our wonderful indoor and natural outdoor play spaces. We encourage families to engage in the program and welcome any ideas/skills you can share with our kinder family. We also have local grade 5 readers come in and read to the children on a regular basis, looking for natural connections forming for big school "buddies".



Staff:
 Approved Provider: Jai Harrington
 Educational Leader: Megan Strongman
 Educator: Katherine Lowry

National Quality Framework

The National Quality Framework aims to improve the quality of early childhood education and care services in Australia.

The National Quality Framework includes legal requirements that all services must comply with. These include requirements for:

- the number of staff and their qualifications
- ensuring children's health and safety
- service space and layout
- the quality of developmental and learning experiences for children.

National Quality Standard

- The National Quality Framework sets a higher national quality standard to encourage services to continue to improve their programs and practices.
- Services are assessed and rated against **seven** quality areas of the National Quality Standard:

Educational program and practice

1 Your child is supported to participate in play and learning

Children's health and safety

2 Your child is protected from illness and hazards

Physical environment

3 Your child plays in a safe and well maintained environment

Staffing arrangements

4 There are enough qualified staff to give your child the attention they need

Relationships with children

5 Your child is made to feel supported and welcomed

Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

6 Local community involvement and respect for the beliefs and values of families

Governance and leadership

7 Your child is cared for in a positive and well managed environment

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Services must display their ratings.

Eildon Kinder is currently meeting all 7 quality areas and exceeding in Area 6.