

Parent Information Handbook 2024



Our Preschool

Our preschool is an owner operated service that specialises in offering your child a safe and stimulating learning environment with a family atmosphere. We offer small group numbers with high ratios of qualified staff as we know that children learn best when they are given opportunities to work with educators one-on-one. This structure allows us opportunities to take on meaningful projects that go beyond just learning. The children acquire knowledge that can be put into practice outside the preschool, in the community and at home.

Operating Hours	Daily Fee	Capacity
Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm	\$107	19 children
Early Starters 7.30am - 4pm	\$117	11 children
Child Age	Programs	License
2.5 - 5 years	Early Years Learning Framework Queensland Kindergarten Program	Approval number: PR-40029053 Service number: SE-00001818 CCS approval: 190058279B National Quality Standard: Meeting

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Acknowledgement of Country

Gurumba bigi, we acknowledge the Turrbal and Yuggera people as the First Nations owners of the land where Young Einstein Discovery Preschool now stands. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching, playing and learning.



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Welcome

Welcome to Young Einstein Preschool. Our preschool is located in Anstead surrounded by nature and wildlife. The service can be accessed via the Mount Crosby Service Road. We accept enrolments for children aged between 2.5 - 5 years who are toilet trained. Our preschool provides a kindergarten program which differs from other programs available in our area. We are a small service with the capacity of 19 enrolments, which enables us to deliver a unique and personalised program. We foster inquiry based pedagogy where children develop problem solving skills and learn to make real-life connections through investigations. Children are given opportunities throughout the year to be involved in productions and to complete meaningful projects that enhance their creativity and learning.



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Curriculum

- Letter and Number Recognition
- Literacy and Communication
- Science and Mathematical Concepts
- Technology Skills
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing

- Creative Arts
- Inquiry Based Learning
- Nature Play
- Risky Play
- Fundamental Movement Skills
- Gardening and Cooking
- Sustainability and the Environment

A day at Young Einstein Discovery Preschool

Morning	Middle	Afternoon
7.30am - 8am:	10am - 10.30am:	12.30pm - 1pm:
Early starters arrive and	Teacher guided morning	Lunch time
join children directed	time. Literacy and	1pm - 2pm:
play activities	Mathematical concepts	Rest time
8am - 9.30am:	10.30am - 11am:	2pm - 3pm:
Children arrive and join	Fundamental	Teacher guided literacy
child directed play	movement skills, outside	(story telling, songs,
activities	activities and games	visual literacy, drama)
9.30am	11am - 12.30pm:	3pm - 3.30pm:
Morning Tea	Teacher guided play	Outside Play
	based inquiry learning	3.30pm - 4pm:
	and projects	Children guided literacy
		and pick-up time

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Young Einstein Performances

Throughout the year children engage in a mid-year and end of year production. Their participation in these performances enhances their confidence and provides opportunities for them to engage with the arts and develop new skills. Our productions are a favourite event amongst families and children and a special time we all look forward to.



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Young Einstein Projects

At our preschool we take on meaningful projects throughout the year. The children learn new skills that they can apply in the real world.

These projects give purpose to the children's learning and enhances their ability to design, be creative, build and

manipulate objects.









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Fundamental Movement Skills Program

Our preschool uses the Franky and Friends Fundamental Movement Skills

Program to help enhance children's development.

The program focuses on teaching 13 important skills.

- 1. Jumping
- 2. Running
- 3. Galloping
- 4. Hopping
- 5. Leaping
- 6. Skipping
- 7. Side-Sliding
- 8. Catching
- 9. Stationary Dribble
- 10. Striking
- 11. Kicking
- 12. Undergrm throw
- 13. Overarm throw





https://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/campaignsprograms/FrankyFrien

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Our Playground Philosophy

Our playground philosophy is to keep the outside space open and available to be able to create new experiences and challenges for the children to explore. Our playground is a blank canvas that can be transformed into any exciting imaginary environment such as an obstacle course, a search and rescue mission, an emergency service network, a hide and seek fort, a bike track and many other wonderful discoveries. The space allows children to engage in a variety of risky, creative and natural play experiences.













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Preschool Philosophy

We connect with families as we welcome them into our learning space each morning. It is during this interaction that families and teachers can gain a deeper understanding of the needs of individual children. We provide an inclusive environment and our preschool promotes Indigenous culture, additional needs and cultural diversity. We ensure that our services are accessible and equitable for all users. We create a safe and inviting atmosphere where we nurture every child's uniqueness and curiosity. Our educators set up stimulating spaces and inquiries that ignite discovery, imagination, and exploration. We use a wide variety of natural, recycled, open-ended and quality education resources for children to explore and experiment with.

We expose children to core curriculum and active, sensory, and creative experiences that promote their personal progress. Our preschool highly values respect and responsibility and we embed these values into all interactions with the children. We encourage risk taking, problem solving and personal independence in a controlled and safe environment. Our teachers model positive relationships with the children and support positive interactions from child to child. We believe that kindness, empathy, and fairness need to be taught so that children have the skills to maintain healthy relationships now and

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in their future. We respectfully acknowledge the rights of the child and advocate for their safety and wellbeing.

Our Preschool adopts reflective practices to continually make improvements to our service. We work in partnerships with staff, families, and our local community to provide a service that is valued by all. The staff employed at our preschool are highly qualified and demonstrate ongoing training to strive to provide quality services. We aim to always maintain the continuity of educators so that children feel safe and secure and staff are able to confidently follow all policies and procedures. Our staff conduct themselves professionally and ethically and are positive role models for the families who use our service.





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Staff









Our staff are highly experienced, dedicated and passionate about achieving the best outcomes for all children. They offer an individualised program which supports each child's ability, potential and needs.

Name	Position	Qualification	Roster
Marianne Pankhurst	Director Educational Leader Approved Provider Nominated Supervisor	Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies / Primary Education Provider Approval Service Approval CCS Approval	Tuesday to Friday 7.30am - 4pm Monday: Office
Ian Wilkinson	Approved Provider	Provider Approval Service Approval CCS Approval	Part-time office hours
Lei Yan Naya Su Hui Liu Tanya Prakapiuk	Educator Nominated Supervisor	Diploma of Children's Services - Early Education and Care	Lei: Monday - Friday Naya: Monday - Thursday Tanya: Monday and Friday

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Fees and Attendance

Fees

Preschool Program daily fees are \$107 per day.

Early Starters daily fees are \$117 per day

The service is Child Care Subsidy approved and families may be entitled to Child Care Subsidies from the government. Our preschool delivers a Queendland Kindergarten approved learning program.

Our preschool uses **Xplor software** to complete enrolments and issue fortnightly invoices which are paid via direct deposit. Families are able to download the Xplor Home app via IOS or Android to access realtime information about their child and account.



At the time of enrolment a charge of \$20 is required for administration of new enrolments.

All payments are to be made using the Xplor App with the 'Pay Now' or 'Direct Debit' features.



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Preschool Hours

The preschool offers care from 8am – 4pm for children aged 2.5 - 5 years. Early

Starters care is available on request from 7.30am - 8am however, numbers are

limited and charges apply. The preschool is open for 48 weeks a year and is

closed for public holidays, Easter and 4 week period during mid December and

early January. Exact dates are given to families in advance.

Attendance

The children undertake special projects and performances throughout the year

and to be able to participate fully in the curriculum we require children to be

enrolled to attend preschool for a minimum of 2 days attendance each week.

If your child is unwell they may be excluded from attending the service due to

infectious illnesses or diseases. Please refer to the Queensland Department of

Health - Time Out Poster for further information (page 18).

All absences need to be reported to preschool staff to maintain our duty of

care. Any absences throughout the year are chargeable. This includes illnesses,

family holidays and decisions made by families to finish the school year early.

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What to Bring

Backpack	
Wide Brim Hat	
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Suitable Clothing	
(no dresses please)	
Spare Clothes	

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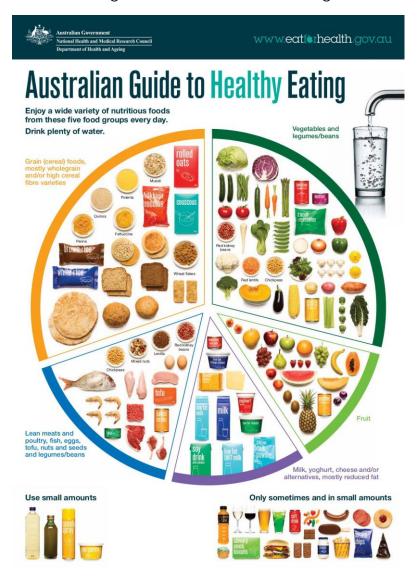
Runners and Socks	
Water Bottle	
Single Bed Size Sheet	
Healthy Morning Tea	
Healthy Lunch All food must be in line with the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating	
	item you send to preschool so that your d and distributed when necessary.

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Healthy Eating

Our preschool uses the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating as a tool for families to pack healthy lunches that will support children's nutrition. We ask that all foods supplied for morning tea and lunches are on the guide.



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Time Out Poster

Our preschool uses the Queensland Health Time Out poster to help keep all children healthy and safe.



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