

St Brendan's Childcare Centre

Where Learning is Child's Play!



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Welcome to Our Centre

Our fully air-conditioned Centre is a unique and special place where children and their families play and learn in safe and friendly surroundings. Enrol your child at our Centre and gain all the positive benefits that flow from having your child in high quality early learning childhood care.

Our child care centre provides a focus on early learning and preparation for school, including the Government approved Kindergarten program, as well as the care and nurture so important for very young children. We consider all attributes of the child: physical, intellectual, social and emotional.

We also help to make life easier for you by offering nutritious meals, nappies, wipes and touch screen sign-in and sign-out so that dropping off and picking up your child is as smooth as possible.

We have carefully designed and planned our Centre to thoroughly cater for all the needs of young children and to fully comply with the latest National Quality Standards and Regulations. The Centre is fully approved by State and Federal authorities, providing security and peace of mind for families whose children are in our care.

Fully supervised developmental programs are provided for each age group in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework. Qualified and experienced staff are carefully selected and trained for each position at our Centre.

We pride ourselves on maintaining a homely, personalised service at our Centre to ensure we meet all the individual needs of each family.

Parents are welcome at any time to visit the Centre or spend time with their child/ren and have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities should they wish to do so.

We would be delighted to answer any queries or provide further information should you wish to contact us. We look forward to being of service to you.

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About Our Centre

How many children will be at the Centre?

The number of children varies in each group depending on the age of the children. There are only a maximum of 9 in the youngest age groups and up to 22 in the older groups. The numbers are set by government regulations.

How much will it cost?

That depends on your percentage of subsidy under the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) scheme based on your gross family income and the number of hours of subsidised care your family is entitled to under the activity test. If you haven't yet been assessed, you simply lodge an application form or telephone Centrelink who will advise what percentage you're entitled to. We simply charge you the difference between our total fee and the subsidies we receive from the Government on your behalf.

What do the children do while they're at the Centre?

Due to our focus on early learning and preparation for school, we carefully plan each day's program that your child attends. The program for each group of children is especially designed to cater for the developmental needs of the group and for each child individually. Staff carefully monitor and record the progress of each child in each of their areas of development. This information is then evaluated and used to plan ongoing activities to further support each child in each area.

Do children take long to settle in?

Every child has his or her own special way of adapting to being placed in care, but most children settle in very quickly with the assistance of our experienced and caring staff. We welcome phone calls from parents to check on their child's progress during the settling in period, or at any other time if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

How many days per week do I have to book?

Bookings can be made for any number of days per week. However, it is generally recommended that you book at least two days per week to ensure that your child is receiving enough contact with the staff and the other children to establish good relationships, to settle in properly and receive the full benefits of the special developmental programs we offer.

Do I have to have permanent booked days?

Generally, bookings are for the same days each week as casual or occasional care can only be provided if there is a vacancy in a particular age group on the day you wish to bring your child.

How are fees paid?

Fees are paid weekly or fortnightly in advance. You may pay by credit card, direct deposit via internet banking, EFTPOS or by automatic direct debit. The first fortnight of care is paid on commencement at the Centre.

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General Information

Hours of Operation

6.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday, all year round – closed only on weekends and Public Holidays.

Age Groups

9 children aged 9 months to 3 years

10 – 15 children aged 2 to 3 years

22 children aged 3 to 5 years

15 children aged 4 years to 12 years (School Care)

Each group has organised daily programs and care provided by qualified staff. Lead Educators have a minimum 2-year qualification. An approved Kindergarten program is also provided for pre-Prep children by a qualified Teacher.

Booking Fee

Once you are offered a place, we ask for a bond to secure your booking. The bond is refunded on leaving the Centre if all fees are up to date and all necessary administration work is complete.

Daily Fees

The Centre will provide the Federal Government's "Child Care Subsidy" (CCS) for which many parents will be eligible. The fees payable will then depend on the Child Care Subsidy eligibility, the number of days booked and the group in which a child is enrolled. Applications for Child Care Subsidy should be made with Centrelink and the Department of Human Services on 136 150. If you have not already been assessed, we would strongly recommend that you contact Centrelink as soon as possible if you are likely to require childcare in the near future.

What to Bring

Children will require a change of clothes, a set of (cot size) sheets (the Centre provides sheets for Nursery aged children), a hat, and trainer pants etc as required. Full details about our Centre are contained in the Centre Handbook provided upon enrolment.



Learning Programs

We strongly believe all children within our care deserve to be nurtured and educated to ensure they have the best possible start in life and preparation for their school years. Our programs lay the foundations upon which all of our children's learning is built.

From birth, children begin to learn, and this continues throughout their lives. We consider all attributes of the child: physical, intellectual, social and emotional and work in partnership with families to help to nurture and develop children in all of these areas.

Our programs are developed in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework and are based on the children's interests. By providing a 'Child Directed Program' in which children have the opportunity to select their activities based on current interests, the children develop a positive self-concept and increased confidence.

Activities are planned to support and further develop their interests and skills. In this way, children are developing and learning, through play, many of the skills and attributes they need, including:

- how to interact with others,
- how to work as a team,
- problem solving and conflict resolution
- building confidence and self-esteem and,
- developing independence.

The children's numeracy, language and literacy skills are also developed through particular activities and play, such as solving puzzles, word games, stories, music and art which are very important parts of our program.

The program for each group of children is especially designed to cater for the developmental needs of the group and for each child individually. Staff carefully monitor and record the progress of each child in each of their areas of development. This information is then evaluated and used to plan ongoing activities to further support each child in each area. Parents can access their child's learning program information on a secure app.

For older age groups, the evaluations are formulated into detailed kindergarten and pre-prep programs. This 'whole child' approach helps to ensure full school readiness when the time comes. All of the programs are, however, also designed to be fun and creative learning experiences as children learn best when at play.

Activities such as singing, painting, water play, reading, art and craft and outdoor play are every day occurrences. These experiences are enhanced by our Centres' wide range of modern equipment and resources.

The Centre provides a Language Program - ELLA which is a fun and easy digital language program for Kindy eligible children (3.5 - 5 years). ELLA introduces children to learning a new language via interactive tablet apps, which have been developed in consultation with experts in languages, early childhood and technology. The program commenced in February 2019, with the children learning Japanese.

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