

Welcome to Kinross Kindy

Introduction to the Kinross Kindy Program

At Kinross Kindy the program is planned to cater for all aspects of your child's development; intellectual, emotional, social and physical. The programme is based on these principles:-

- Child, parents and teachers are all involved in the active process of learning, which starts at birth and continues through Kindy into school and beyond.
- A friendly and happy environment will promote confidence and a sense of security in the children.
- A self-directed learning approach will develop decision-making skills leading to a child taking responsibility for their own learning.
- A positive self-esteem will be developed to enhance your child's academic success and personality development.
- Children will learn to recognise the rights of others, and be responsible for the care of equipment through appropriate use and packing away when finished.
- Acceptable social behaviour will be encouraged through use of positive reinforcement.



Session Times at Kinross Kindy

Please be prompt when escorting your child to and from Kindy to avoid undue distress.

Parents must come to the door at the beginning and end of each session.

Bringing Something Home

Children may not necessarily "bring something home" each day. When your child comes home, be patient. Conversation is just as effective as a "material" item.

Your child may be quite tired at first and may not want to talk. However, they may then talk about an activity or something that happened hours ago or even the session before at Kindy. When parents ask their child "What did you do today?", the child may answer "Nothing". However, he/she has been busy developing many skills through play. Such skills might include spatial awareness, problem solving and co-operation simply by playing with blocks.

Other work will be kept and displayed in your child's portfolio along with an explanation of the activity. This will provide a permanent record of your child's achievements during their time at Kinross Kindy.

What to Bring to Kinross Kindy

Please send your child in comfortable and easy to wash clothes. Please avoid instructing your child "not to get dirty". While every effort is made to protect clothing, some activities are messy. If they occur, paint stains need to be soaked in cold water before washing.

A Kinross Kindy T-Shirt is available from the School Uniform Shop. Your child is asked to bring one piece of fruit, vegetable, cheese, polony etc to every session, which will be shared with the other children.

Children are not allowed to bring toys to kindy.

Sun Smart at Kinross Kindy

As time will be spent outside each day, your child will require a wide brimmed or legionnaire hat marked with their name. Kinross Kindy recognises the importance of early cancer prevention and operates a 'NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN' policy throughout the year.

Accidents

Please supply your child with a full set of clothes in a plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name. This is to be kept in their bag at all times. Keep the seasons in mind (for hot or cold weather clothing).

When children enter a strange environment they do not always behave in their usual fashion. Sometimes they become so involved in an activity they forget to go to the toilet. Also, accidents such as spilling water over themselves do happen.

Clothing and footwear

The wearing of school uniform is strongly encouraged. The children are required to wear suitable footwear. Children must wear either sneakers or bare feet when using the playground equipment or participating in Music / Movement activities. Long hair needs to be tied up.

Parent Involvement at Kinross Kindy

We encourage parental involvement at the centre not only for roster duties but also for sharing special skills or experiences with the children.

Parents on roster at Kindy are asked to make other arrangements for younger siblings as this is a time for your child to feel special.

Ways You can Help Your Child at Home

Encourage them to be independent e.g. toileting, putting on their own socks and shoes, putting away toys when they have finished with them etc. Allow children to use scissors with adult supervision. Talk about colours, numbers, shapes, spatial concepts e.g. over/under, long/short, days of the week, times etc.

Reading

In accordance with the Department of Education and training, the main emphasis in Kindy and Pre Primary is on "Social, Emotional and Physical Well Being". The programs provided for your children, focus on building oral language and pre-reading skills. The children will not be bringing reading books home during these years however; we

encourage parents to read to children and access books from the local and school library.

READ BOOKS TO YOUR CHILD AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE!!

Money Collection

All money sent to Kindy should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name, the amount of money enclosed and it's purpose clearly written on the front.

The Alphabet

At Kinross Kindy we use a range of resources to teach your child about letters and sounds. Our aim is to instil in your child an interest in written letters and spoken sounds.

Handwriting

The style of handwriting your child will be learning at Primary School is Victorian Cursive. Whilst there is no expectation that your child can write their own name at Kindy we ask parents to familiarise themselves with this style and use it when writing their child's name.

Please do not teach your child to write their name in capital letters.

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