

# The Children's Centre

Fawkner Park Children's Centre and Kindergarten is licensed for 74 children, offering excellence in care and early childhood education. The Centre is situated in the gorgeous Fawkner Park and is part of the City of Melbourne's commitment to family services. The Centre is a co-operative and has a parent committee of management. Parent ideas and involvement are an essential part of the Centre's operation.

## Care & education available

We offer full time and part time care and education to 74 children per day. The rooms are arranged the following way:

**Blue Room;** 11 children, aged 6 months to 3 years with three staff and a lunch/ breaks cover floater.

**Green Room;** 11 children, aged 10 months to 3 years with three staff and a lunch/ breaks cover floater.

**Yellow Room;** 12 children, aged 2 to 3.5 years with three staff and a lunch/ breaks cover floater if required.

**Orange Room** - Junior Kindergarten; 14 children, aged 3 to 4 years with three staff.

**Large Room** - Kindergarten; 25 children 3 to 5 years with three staff and a lunch breaks cover floater.

The Centre is open from 7.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday, except for public holidays, 50 weeks of the year. (We do not close for school holidays)

## Staff

The Centre has 25 full and part time staff members, including 3 qualified Kindergarten Teachers. There are at least two qualified staff members in each room as well as an assistant. All staff are involved in the program planning, delivery and evaluation.

## Accreditation

The Centre is an active supporter of the accreditation system and has always received the highest level of accreditation by the National Childcare Accreditation Council.

## Program

Each room has a developmentally appropriate program, informed by the EYLF and VYLDF, designed for the individual needs of the children. This being the case, the program changes with the children and is as individual as they are. A regular program of workshops and visitors to the Centre broadens



children's experience and enriches the program.

Some of our regular experiences are visiting musicians, actors, puppet shows, story tellers, the Melbourne Museum and animals as well as visits to the glorious Fawkner Park, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Botanical gardens and Prahran Market.

## Meals

The centre has achieved accredited status with the Start Right Eat Right program. An experienced cook prepares morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on the premises every day. The Menu is based on the Victorian dietary recommendations for children and fresh seasonal ingredients are used where possible. The children are regularly involved in food preparation and cooking experiences to increase their awareness of food and nutrition. We are also able to cater for special diets and allergies.

## Fees

The fees are \$619 per week or \$128 per day. While some families are able to access the government Child Care Benefit (CCB), all families are eligible for the Child Care tax rebate. More information is available from the Family Assistance Office.

A bond is payable prior to commencement, this will only be refunded upon settlement of the final account when the child leaves. All bonds are otherwise non refundable.

## Waiting List & enrolments

It is advisable to enrol on the waiting list well before care is required, especially for care in the Blue and Green rooms. The waiting list gives first priority to families who live and work in the City of Melbourne, South Yarra precinct (West of Punt Road), St Kilda Road (Commercial Road to the City), Southbank or the Melbourne CBD.

## Further Information

We are happy to show you around our wonderful Centre and to make a time for you to meet with staff. If you would like any other information please contact our Administration Support, Lisa 9am-12noon on the number below or email: [info@fpcc.net.au](mailto:info@fpcc.net.au)