

The Children's Centre

Fawkner Park Children's Centre and Kindergarten is licensed for 81 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 81 children per day. The rooms are arranged the following way:

Blue Room; 12-13 children, aged 6 months to 3 years with five staff and lunch/ breaks cover floater during busy times of day.

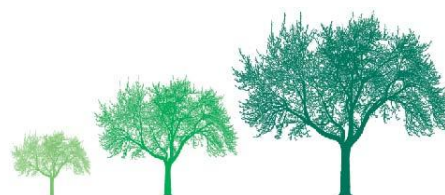
Green Room; 12-13 children, aged 10 months to 3 years with five staff and a lunch/ breaks cover floater.

Yellow Room; 12-13 children, aged 2.5 to 3.5 years with four staff and lunch/ breaks cover floater if required. It is led by a Degree qualified teacher and offers 3-year-old kindergarten program (Junior kindergarten) to eligible children, including Free kindergarten supported by the state government funding.

Orange Room – 3-year-old kindergarten program (Junior Kindergarten); 17-18 children, aged 3 to 4.5 years with four staff led by a Degree qualified teacher and offers 3-year-old kindergarten program including Free kindergarten supported by the state government funding for eligible children.

Large Room - Kindergarten; 28 children 3 to 5 years with four staff and a lunch breaks cover floater. The team includes 3 Degree qualified teachers and a Diploma trained floater to allow the kindergarten program to operate from 7.30am-6.00pm when children learning is supported by a trained teacher throughout the whole day without being restricted to certain hours. The learning does not stop during school holidays as there are at least three qualified teachers present every day during that time.

Victorian Department of Education and Training makes 15-30 hours of learning available for eligible children in their final year before school and provides financial contribution for a high-quality program in the Centre. In 2026-2027 all children enrolled in 3- and 4-



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year-old kindergarten program integrated into long day care is eligible for a Free kindergarten program and can get over \$2,150 back. The amount is indexed every January in the new year.

The Centre is open from 7.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday, except for public holidays, 49 weeks of the year. (We do not close for school holidays)

Staff

The Centre has 49 full and part time staff members, including 16 qualified Kindergarten Teachers and 7 casual Diploma trained relievers. There are at least four 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 and ACECQA.

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 chef 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 locally sourced seasonal ingredients are used where possible with gluten, dairy and egg free options available every day. Our in-house chef prepares reduced sugar and salt menu items. 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 \$965 per week or \$201 per day. Some families are able to access the government Child Care Subsidy (CCs). Families need to apply through my.gov.au app to be assessed for their eligibility to receive child care subsidy. 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 siblings of the current families, 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 Team, 9am-12noon on the number below or email: coordinator@fawknerpark.com.au