



GUM NUT

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE



Welcome to the Koala Room



Planning



In the Koala room, we create intentional and engaging learning environments.

We purposely and thoughtfully set up learning experiences under these key learning areas;

- Dramatic play
- Sensory
- Construction
- Art/collage
- Reading area
- Nature/Sustainability/Outdoor
- Importantly: at this age we are following each individual's routine from home and encourage their developing motor skills and support their emotional development.

When planning, educators set specific goals related to your child's age and stage of development. With this knowledge, educators plan intentional teaching moments to scaffold your child's learning.

At the end of each term, an individual observation planning record will be emailed to you with your child's individual goals under one or more of the following areas:

- Community (Social)
- Identity (Emotional)
- Learning (Cognitive)
- Communication (Language)
- Wellbeing (Physical)

Under each area/s, educators will document what they have observed, the goal they want your child to achieve, the intent and strategies the educators will put in place to assist your child to achieve this goal and a reflection of how your child is progressing with the goal.

Remember everyone learns and develops at different stages, your child might not achieve their goal in the first term and that is ok. Our planning enables children to learn and develop at their own pace.

If there is anything you would like your child to learn or focus on, please feel free to speak to staff in the room.

Daily Reflection / Facebook:

Educators will post a written reflection of the hotspots enjoyed by your children during the week. Photos from the week will be added to our Facebook group at the end of each week.

General Housekeeping



Sign in and out: Please remember to sign your child in and out each day (via iPad)

Clothing: Please ensure your child is dressed for fun and exploration in the environment. Please do not send your child in clothes you don't want them to get paint or dirt on. Please pack SPARE clothes (pants, t-shirt, underwear, socks) in case of messy play or toileting accidents. Please remember cool clothes and a hat for summer and a jacket and beanie for winter (gumboots too if you have them). All clothing items should be clearly labelled.

Footwear: At Gum Nut we love to climb and run so please ensure closed footwear or sandals that cover toes - it is our preference you do not send child in flip flops or crocs as they can lose grip and are not appropriate for outdoor activities.

Nappies: Please ensure your child has a minimum of 5 nappies or pull-ups on the days your child attends Gum Nut. If your child is toilet training but they still required a nappy or pull-up for sleep time, please ensure there are some in your child's bag.

Meals: Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea are provided by Gum Nut. It is our preference children are eating lunch from Gum Nut only, unless for a particular dietary reason you have to supply your own foods.

Anaphylaxis/Allergies/Asthma: All medication must be left at Gum Nut with appropriate action plan from a doctor. Please see educators if this applies to you. Your child cannot and will not be accepted without the proper medications, plans etc.

Hats: Please ensure your child has an appropriate sun hat (wide brim or legionnaires) from September - April clearly labelled with their name. No Hat - No Outdoor Play

Sunscreen: Please ensure you have applied sunscreen on your child prior to attending the centre. The Koala educators will apply more sunscreen throughout the day with our centre's sunscreen, unless due to allergies or personal choice you supply your own.

Drink Bottles: Must be clearly labelled and brought to Gum Nut on the days your child attends, then taken home at the end of the day to be washed and returned. At least 600ml size bottles please.

Emails: Please check this often and keep us informed of email changes.

Toys: We understand that children may want to bring a comfort toy or blanket to Gum Nut. Once they are settled, we will always encourage putting them away in their bags. Toys from home are welcome - but not encouraged, as there is lots happening and we want to maximise your child's opportunity to be involved. Educators do not take responsibility for any lost or broken toys.

Lost property: Please check our lost property tub regularly. Unlabelled items in the tub will be donated to a charity bin at the end of each month.

Koala Routine



- 7:30** Centre Opens - family grouping commences in the Wombat Room
- 8:15 - 8:30** Kinder House transition to their rooms/or big garden.
- 9:00** Group Time - Children sit down for a story, sing songs etc.
- 9:15** Morning Tea - Children wash their hands and prepare for morning tea.
- 9:30** Indoor or Outdoor play - morning program.
- 10:00** Toileting / Nappy changes start.
- 10:30 - 11:00** Outdoor play
- 11:00am** Lunch time - Children wash their hands and prepare for lunch.
- 11:45 - 12:00** Sleep/Rest Time - While children are sleeping, room is cleaned and set up for afternoon play indoors.
- 1:00 - 2:00** Indoor play continues - staff assist children in getting dressed. Nappy changes start and beds are cleaned and packed away.
- 2:30** Children assist with packing away toys, then sit down for a group time.
- 3:00** Afternoon Tea - Children wash their hands and prepare for afternoon tea.
- 3:15** Outdoor play in the big garden
- 4:00** Outdoor play continues - Nappy changes start.
- 4:30 - 5:00** Indoor/Outdoor play - Family Grouping has started.
- 5:30** Kinder house children join family grouping.
- 6:00** Centre Closed.

Our routine is flexible.