

welcome to EASTERN HILLS COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Education Department Teachers
- Play-based curriculum
- 5 Full Days per fortnight
- Cooking is apart of our curriculum
- Large nature play outdoor area
- Weekly parent updates on learning themes with photos
- Strong Community support & involvement



Eastern Hills Community Kindergarten is an exceptional alternative to school-based kindy.

We teach the national curriculum in a more flexible and play-based environment involving nature play.

Our approach to learning is proven to prepare children for a smooth entry into independence, encouraging confidence to continue their educational journey.

You can enrol your child if they turn 4 by 30th of June the year they attend. Please enjoy this information booklet and if you have any further questions please email: ehckindy@gmail.com



**NOT ALL
CLASSROOMS
HAVE WALLS...**



FAQ



Q What age does my child need to be to attend Community Kindy?

A Answer

Mount Helena Community Kindy offers a four year old program, just like school based Kindy's. You can enrol your child if they are four years or will be turning four by the 30th of June in the year they attend.

Q Can we enrol if we reside outside the catchment area?

A Answer

Yes! We do not have a restrictive catchment area and have previously had children enrolled from far and wide who didn't want to miss out on the Mount Helena Community Kindergarten experience.

Q What does it cost to attend?

A Answer

Just like the public primary schools, our Kindy requests a voluntary payment for each child as set by the Education Department which is currently \$60.

Additional costs are requested to allow us to run a rich, well resourced program that covers the costs of excursions, incursions, cooking supplies and art materials.

Q How many children will be in my Child's class?

A Answer

Our class sizes ranges from 16-20 children. There will always be a Teacher and Education Assistant in attendance adhering to the ratio set by the National Quality Standards of 10 children per 1 adult.

Q Will attending Mount Helena Community Kindergarten affect getting into our local school for Pre-Primary?

A Answer

Not at all! Public schools must offer a place in Pre-Primary for every child that lives in the catchment area, regardless of the Kindy they attend.

Q What days and times will my child attend?

A Answer

Our Community Kindergarten program operates 5 days per fortnight. We offer full days Monday to Wednesday, with every second week being Tuesday to Wednesday. Our gate opens at 8:45am and parents are welcome to join their child as they hang their bags and bring in their water bottle. A bell will ring at 9:00am to indicate the start of our formal program and this is an ideal time for parents to leave the Kindy. Pick up time is 2:45pm.

Q Do you teach the National Curriculum?

A Answer

Absolutely! We deliver the same curriculum as every public Kindergarten. The curriculum embraces the underlying principles of the Early Years Learning Framework and the Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines.

It is the way that the curriculum is delivered that sets us apart...

Through engaging, play-based activities children build fundamental skills in socialising, communication, exploring, emotional development, problem solving and motor skills.

Literacy and numeracy skill are intentionally built into innovative and engaging 'play' so the children find learning fun and purposeful.

Q Can parents be involved in the classroom?

A Answer

Yes! Participation and support is greatly appreciated in our classroom, it is valued highly by the students and is an important part of your child's kindy experience.

It provides continuity for the child between home and Kindy and the opportunity to see your child interact with others.

As a part of the Community Kindergarten, you have an unique opportunity to be a big part of your child's learning journey by being an active member of our Parent Committee.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A TOUR OF OUR WONDERFUL LEAFY KINDY.

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— EASTERN HILLS COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN



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COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN
& PLAYGROUP
*Play * Learn * Grow*

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Please complete this form and submit it to the Kindy via email or in person. The kindy will then be in touch with info on the next steps for formal enrolment to secure your placement.

Surname of child: **First Name:**

Place of birth: **Date of birth:**

Home address: **Male / Female**

Mother's Details:

First Name & Surname:

Occupation:

Phone:

Father's Details:

First Name & Surname:

Occupation:

Phone:

Best Email Contact: (We will use this address to keep you updated on enrolments & Kindy news).

Other Children Names:

Age:

Emergency Contacts Name:

Relationship to Child:

Phone:

Languages spoken at home:

Other centres attending by your child:

Can your child participate in birthdays, Easter and Christmas activities? **YES / NO**

Are there any customs we need to be aware of:

Do you give permission for photos to be taken of your child for kindy purposes? **YES / NO**

Does your child have any allergies? (food, eczema, bee stings, reactions etc) **YES / NO**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION