

St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre

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Schools

A place of
creative wonder





'Children learn as they play.
Most importantly, in play children
learn how to learn.'

– O. Fred Donaldson.

About Us

St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre is a small family orientated centre catering to families of Greenfield Park and neighbouring areas. Early childhood is a time when growth and development is occurring, and it's our core value to ensure we are providing each child with an enriching experience that will allow them to flourish and grow.

Our Early Learning Centre offers both an indoor and outdoor learning environment that encourages each child to discover and stimulate their creativity whilst fostering their unique interests.

Our educators understand that each child is an individual and play an active role in nurturing their wellbeing and sense of identity as they grow to become confident learners.

At St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre one of the most important aspects is the partnership we establish with each family. Families are valued for their participation, commitment and cooperation. You will be encouraged to share your expectations, thoughts and ideas.

Our centre values relationships that promote collaboration and communication allowing each child to blossom and reach their full potential.



'Play provides opportunities for children to learn,
as they discover, create, improvise and imagine.'

– Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia



Our Educational Program

At St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre we provide a program which helps each child develop a passion for learning. We aim to achieve this through our program which is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach amongst other leading early childhood philosophies. Through the implementation of such a program, each child is viewed as an individual and their potential to question, reflect, problem-solve, theorise, experiment and express their findings in a variety of ways is recognised.

The program will:

- Promote a strong and positive image of children, advocating for their rights as citizens and to realising their own potential
- Require children to accept their responsibilities as global citizens
- Encourage the active participation and involvement of parents
- Provide an environment which will stimulate, challenge and provoke children's thinking
- Reflect the children's and adults' interests and provide opportunities for different learning styles
- Value children as individuals and group members and be inclusive of differences in gender and culture
- Provide small and large group experiences that will provide complex cognitive problems for children to solve, enabling persistence and motivation to develop
- Document the children's experiences in order to make the learning visible
- Encourage reflection and research for staff, children and parents
- Value relationships that promote collaboration and communication with and between children, parents and staff
- Encourage children to participate in research projects which will provoke them to theorise, analyse, reflect, revisit and interpret
- Provide fun learning experiences



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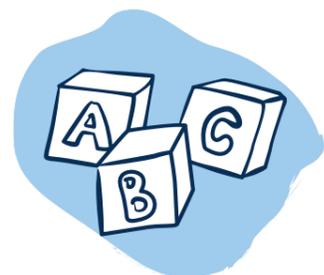
Mission Statement Our mission is to create a centre of excellence for children. The centre will value and respect children, their families and staff and foster a learning environment that provides a foundation for young children to become responsible citizens of the world.

The centre will provide a range of learning experiences that will foster self-esteem, resilience, reflection, imagination, curiosity and the motivation to become a lifelong learner.

Children's wellbeing and sense of identity will be fostered to develop confident and involved learners.

Our centre attracts dedicated educators who work together as a team with children and families. Families are valued for their participation, involvement and partnership. They will be encouraged to share their expectations, thoughts and ideas.

Our centre values relationships that promote collaboration and communication both with and between children, families and staff.



Our School Readiness Program

Our centre creates a wonderful bridge between the early years of education and Kindergarten.

Our School Readiness Program specifically looks at all areas which are important in preparing a child for a successful transition to school. Programs are designed to develop a child's social and emotional maturity and overall wellbeing. Our educators focus on developing these areas by ensuring various enriching experiences are offered to help equip each child with the skills to help become life-long learners.

By working closely with families we ensure that we have a program which is tailored specifically to each child's learning needs, whilst ensuring it is done so in an enjoyable and relaxing environment.

- Language and comprehension
- Complete simple puzzles and match objects
- Positive social interaction
- Problem-solving and turn-taking skills
- Basic mathematical and pre-reading skills
- Understanding both natural and built environments
- Recognise their name
- Positive and effective communication skills
- Health and physical education awareness
- Cultural awareness and appreciation
- Demonstrate curiosity about their world
- Hold a pencil
- Visual discrimination
- The ability to draw a person and name some body parts
- Draw a picture of themselves
- Self-confidence and self-esteem
- Cut out a simple shape with scissors
- Recognise primary colours
- Number concepts such as more/less, empty/full, large/small, ordering numbers
- Familiarity with the alphabet and introduction to phonics
- Have an awareness of words/signs in their environment
- Show an interest in learning to read and write and an interest in books



' Children develop a relationship with the natural environment...working theories about the living world and knowledge of how to care for it. '

- New Zealand Ministry of Education, Te Whariki, Early Childhood Curriculum



'The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.'

- Maria Montessori



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the hours of operation?

St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am - 4.30pm. The Centre is open 48 weeks per year and is closed for 4 weeks over Christmas and on gazetted public holidays.

Do children need to attend St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre for the whole day?

Children can attend the St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre for up to 9 hours a day. Upon enrolment, the parents can choose a 6 or 9 hour session for their child's day, with specific arrival and departure times. Children should arrive and depart within these chosen session times. Children may attend for two or more days per week, depending on each family's needs.

What is the ratio of staff to children?

The children enrolled at St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre range from 3 to 5 years of age. The staff to child ratio for this age group is 1 staff member to 10 children.

Is the centre licensed and accredited?

In NSW, it is a requirement that all children's services are licensed through the NSW Department of Education and Communities. Our centre is licenced and accredited under the National Quality Standard. We also operate under the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Who can access the Childcare Subsidies?

You may be entitled to the childcare subsidy and tax rebates from the Federal Government depending upon your financial circumstances. It is each family's responsibility to contact Centrelink to establish their entitlements. More information is available at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

What is the fee schedule?

A \$100 application fee is required with each child's enrolment form. A further \$200 refundable bond is required at offer of enrolment. Please contact the centre for the specific fee for each session. Fees are payable weekly or fortnightly and need to be up to date. The minimum period of notice required to terminate enrolment is two weeks and must be in writing.

Will my child learn about faith and have the opportunity to go to church?

Our faith and heritage are important parts of our learning community and are embedded in our everyday practice. At St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre the children have the opportunity to join their peers from primary school and attend the school church service.

Will my child automatically proceed to St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School?

Children in the 4-5 year age group will have priority to join St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School's Kindergarten classes.

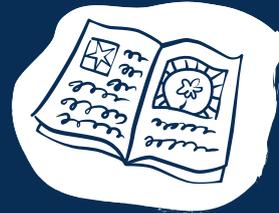


'Experience precedes understanding.'

– Jean Piaget



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