

Our Excel Education Program is special because it recognises that your child is an individual with their own interests, needs and abilities.

What will Excel provide for your child during their time at Kindercare?

Individualised Learning Programs:

★ **Observations**

Ongoing observations to identify your child's individual skills, needs, strengths and interests.

★ **Learning Outcomes**

Teachers will use observations to identify / formulate learning outcomes, strategies and program ideas to facilitate further development and extend your child's capabilities.

★ **Portfolios of Learning and Development**

These convey messages about your child's individual learning and development – giving a visual link between what was planned for and what was achieved.

★ **Progress Reports**

These summarise your child's strengths and achievements and note areas for growth. Progress reports are written every six months and are included in your child's portfolio.

Group Learning Programs:

★ **Room Program Plans**

Room Program Plans incorporate learning goals and outcomes for both individual and group needs, skills, strengths and interests. These are planned for and implemented daily through a variety of activities and experiences in the following curriculum areas:

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| ○ Outdoor Play | ○ Music and Movement |
| ○ Water Play | ○ Dough / Sensory Play |
| ○ Sand Play | ○ Dramatic Play |
| ○ Carpentry / Construction | ○ Technology / Cherry.bytes |
| ○ Maths and Science | ○ Language / Mat Time |
| ○ Parent / Community Partnership | ○ Art and Craft |
| ○ Blocks / Manipulatives / Puzzles | ○ Projects |

Bicultural and multicultural experiences are integrated throughout the curriculum areas.



Parents are part of the program too!



At Kindercare, we recognise that parents know their child better than anyone else.

We want you to be involved each step of the way. You are welcome to visit at any time, join with us in our daily activities, look over the Room Program Plan on the classroom wall and talk with our teachers about your child's development and learning program.

We involve you through:

- ★ **Parent Teacher Evenings** – These provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, view their portfolio and project work and meet other parents and families.
- ★ **Portfolio** – You are welcome to view, discuss and contribute to your child's Portfolio at any time. We welcome and value your input as we recognise that you know your child best.
- ★ **Newsletters / Noticeboards** – These communicate to you the current learning focus for your child's room and give you ideas for extending the program at home.
- ★ **Daily Reports** – 'Centre Connection'. These touch on what your child has done at Kindercare and highlight their special learning focus. Brief prompts provide you and your child with a basis for discussion, enabling your child to communicate meaningfully about activities, experiences and friendships at Kindercare.
- ★ **More About Me** – This is an opportunity for you to update us concerning your child's developing and changing interests and experiences. It also assists in deepening and maintaining our understanding of your child. You will be asked to complete a questionnaire at various stages of your child's development.
- ★ **Home Connection** – This is another way of sharing with and communicating to your child's teacher about home time events, chats, shared discussions on projects, learning and other varied interests. These will be available in your child's classroom. We encourage you to fill in a Home Connection form every 6 weeks and return it to your child's teacher.