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KINDER INFORMATION FOR 2011

Geelong Children's Centre

2011 Session Times

Monday (8.45am-11.45am) (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday (8.45am-11.45am) (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday (8.45am-11.45am) (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday (8.45am-11.45am) (1.00pm – 3.30pm)

You are encouraged to enrol your child for at least 10-12 hours of kindergarten per week.

During terms 1, 2, 3, & 4

FEES – Normal Childcare fees apply: there are no additional fees if your child is enrolled in the kindergarten program.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE – Children who turn four before the 30th of April 2011 are eligible for a government funded kindergarten position. However not all children are ready for this experience even if they are eligible to attend. It is important to look at your child's development so you can make a decision based on your individual child's needs. Consider your child's social skills, independence and maturity, in particular, in determining their readiness for kindergarten and school the following year.

ENROLMENT – In order for you to enrol your child in Geelong Children's Centre's kindergarten program in 2011, your child must first be enrolled at the centre. The centre enrolment dates are:

Current clients – 25th October 2010 for 2011 bookings

New clients – 1st November 2010 for 2011 bookings

On your enrolment form you will be asked to indicate if you will be enrolling your child in Geelong Children's Centre's Kindergarten program. If you indicate that you will be enrolling your child in the kindergarten program then you will automatically be enrolled for the days in which your child attends the centre, and the kindergarten program is operating. Your child is only able to access one kindergarten program so if your child will be attending another kindergarten program such as an outside sessional kindergarten then they will not be able to access the kindergarten program at Geelong Children's Centre.

It is important at this stage for you to decide whether you will be sending your child to school in 2012 as the government only funds one year of pre-school education for children, unless your child has a developmental delay in two areas of their development. Your child will not be funded for a second year of kindergarten if you feel they are not ready.

WITHDRAWAL – If your child is not coping with the four to five year old kinder program and you therefore make the decision not to send them to school in 2012 then you have the opportunity to withdraw them from the kindergarten program.

Withdrawal can only take place during terms 1 and 2 and must be finalised by the end of term 2. Withdrawing your child from the kindergarten program allows your child to access a full year of a funded four to five year old kindergarten program in 2012 and therefore means your child will attend school in 2013.

Program Aims

The kindergarten program aims to provide your child with a good quality enjoyable and educational program which is based on your individual child's needs, strengths and interests. The program is stimulating, enriching and based on play, as it is through play and exploration that children learn.

We provide an environment in which children feel safe, secure and welcome and we encourage families to become involved in the program.

We look forward in becoming a partner in the care and education of your child.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES – For all other policies and procedures please refer to your Geelong Children's Centre Parent Information booklet as the Kindergarten Program operates within the centre processes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require further information please see a staff member who can arrange to provide you with this or arrange a meeting with the Geelong Children's Centre Kindergarten Teacher.
Email: kinder@geelongchildrenscentre.com.au

Kindergarten Program Contact Details

Kindergarten Teacher
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