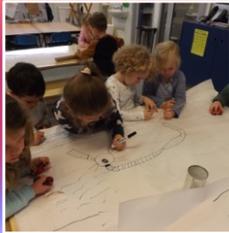




PRE-KINDERGARTEN

FRIENDS' EARLY YEARS



The Friends' Early Years Pre-Kindergarten Program is a high-quality preschool program that prepares children for their Kindergarten year.

Guided by The Purpose and Concerns Statement of The Friends' School, The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia and the Reggio Emilia Project, the program helps children to 'learn how to learn' by immersing them in an exciting, inspiring and thought-provoking learning environment, rich in playful exploration, teacher assisted investigations and group project work.

As part of The Friends' School, the Pre-Kindergarten routinely uses the resources, networks and infrastructure of the broader school community. For example, our Pre-Kinder children enjoy weekly access to the Friends' Primary School Library and participate in a 'buddy program' with the Grade 6 Leaders.

The Pre-Kinder program also includes:

- A play-based approach to the Introduction of Literacy skills and concepts
- A play-based approach to the Introduction of Mathematics skills and concepts
- Developmental play activities
- Learning experiences based upon the interests of the pre-kindergarten children who attend the program
- Cooking
- News time
- Daily involvement in our unique Learning Hubs program
- Group project work

Two registered Early Childhood teachers, Sheila Button and Sharon Wagg and two qualified early childhood professionals, Prue Hazelwood and Skye Dayal, staff the program. Together the team has over 40 years of professional experience in early childhood education and care.

Pre-Kindergarten operates throughout the year from the Pre-Kinder Blue room in the Friends' Early building. The core program operates from 9:00am to 3:00pm but children may attend anytime from 7:30am through to 6:00pm.

The Friends' Early Years Pre-Kindergarten program is charged at the same daily rate as our younger early learning programs. Moreover, just like these programs, it is subject to both the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate discounts!

The Friends' Early Years Pre-Kindergarten program provides a great preparation for Kindergarten, increasing the chances that your child will have a positive start at school.



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