



## Approved provider update

### School readiness programme at Erina Kindergarten

At Erina Kindergarten, the focus is on ensuring a smooth transition from preschool to primary school, emphasising comprehensive preparation for children from aged 3 to aged 6. The Transition to School Program seamlessly integrates school readiness skills throughout the preschool curriculum, culminating in a thorough readiness for primary education.

This holistic approach covers various aspects including social, self-help, and emotional skills, literacy, numeracy, and crucial topics like safety, hygiene, and friendship development. They emphasize responsibility, problem-solving, and executive functioning while fostering relationships among peers, families, and educators.

The Erina Kindergarten values the collective effort of all involved parties, recognizing the importance of a positive school transition as a significant milestone in a child's life, aiming for active participation in their learning and development.

## News from the office

Welcome back to all our existing children & families we hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed Christmas with your families and friends. We also welcome our new children and families to Erina kindergarten over the coming weeks. The children are settling back into their new rooms, please remember it is normal for a some children to be a little bit unsettled in the first few weeks but this will lessen once they develop trusting relationships with our educators. To assist with drop off if your child is upset please bring in a book they can share with their friends / educators or a family photo to assist with the settling in process and don't forget to call during the day as many times as you like to talk to the educators about your child's days.

Please email the office any family photos that we can display in your child's room to also help with their sense of security, familiarity and building their sense of being and belonging. Also on the weekends if you do anything as a family please send any information, experiences through or have these conversations with your child's educators so this can also be included in our curriculums and planning.

**Family contacts** – Please families can you ensure your contacts and emergency contacts are up to date if they need to be updates please send through an email to Alex at [info@erinakindergarten.com.au](mailto:info@erinakindergarten.com.au) the persons names, contact, mobile number and their email so they can be added to OWNA.

There is Fee relief that we have previously sent out, if you would like to apply for this fee please contact reception to obtain a form from Alex. If your child turns 4 years old on or before 31 July 2024 and is enrolled in a preschool program at an eligible long day care service, you will receive up to \$2,110 in fee relief. If your child is 3 years old and not yet 4 years old on, or before 31 July in 2024 and is enrolled at an eligible long day care service, you will receive up to \$500 in fee relief. If you have previously filled out a form you do need to fill out a new one for 2024.



## Educator training

- Food safety handling
- Mentoring with Miss Amanda and Miss Eva
- Child Protection training
- Orientation for our new educators Miss Evie in the babies room and Miss Consuelo in the Emus room

If any of our families would like to join our Reconciliation Action Plan and be on our working team please email [melissa.english@erinakindergarten.com.au](mailto:melissa.english@erinakindergarten.com.au)

## Educator squads

This year we are continuing with our educator squads at kindy for ;

- Sustainability
- Community Engagement
- Assessment and Rating
- Aboriginal Perspectives so stay tuned for what's happening around kindy



## Sustainability tip

recycling any veggie scraps to a compost bin adds to great fertiliser for your gardens, pot plants. We do this at kindy through our chickens and composting with our worm farms and compost bins to our gardens around kindy.

## Upcoming events

- Orientation week – settling in to our new rooms and meeting our new educators **2-5th Jan**
- Yabun and Australia week **22nd – 26th** talking about everything to do with Australia
- National Lego day **28th**
- STEPS eyes testing visit **31st and 1st feb at 9am** – permission notes will go out to families whose children will be required to do this , it does go on the childrens age and the year before they go to school generally.

