



KOOL KIDZ

EARLY LEARNING
KINDERGARTEN
CHILDCARE



**KOOL
BEGINNINGS
CURRICULUM**

Latest research supports the belief that children's learning patterns are established in their first 5 years of life.

The Kool Beginnings Curriculum aims to support and enhance young children's learning from birth to five years of age, as well as their transition into school.

The Kool Beginnings Curriculum promotes a strong emphasis on play based learning, as play is the best vehicle for young children's learning providing the most appropriate stimulus for brain development.

OUR PHILOSOPHY AND VISION

Our Early Childhood Educators support and guide children's learning through play in a loving, friendly and fun environment.

All children are given the attention they deserve, they have all of their individual needs catered for, they are treated with respect, given plenty of space to develop and grow and they are always presented with new challenges.



KOOL BEGINNINGS CURRICULUM

Kool Kidz Early Childhood educators are trained to implement Australia's Learning Frameworks (EYLF and VEYLDF) and the Kool Beginnings Curriculum (KBC).

We follow an Emergent Curriculum, which is defined as... "Emergent Curriculum describes the projects and themes in rooms that have been inspired by the children's interests."

The Kool Beginnings Curriculum is our unique way of displaying to families how each activity supports the children's learning in different areas.

Our programs will provide a balance of:

- ✓ Opportunities for children to learn and develop through play based enquiry.
- ✓ Use open ended questioning and quality interactions to guide children's learning and development.
- ✓ Use teaching strategies and intentional plans to support children's learning and development.

QUALITY LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Kool Beginnings Curriculum links to the Australian Learning Frameworks.

The Australian Learning Frameworks describe the principles, practice and outcomes essential to support and enhance young children's learning from birth to eight years of age, as well as their transitioning to school.

Kool Kidz also recognises the importance of communication and language, including early literacy, numeracy and social emotional development.

OUR LEARNING BLOCKS

My Five Senses

Much of our learning occurs through our Five Senses. We provide opportunities for children to explore their senses of touch, smell, taste, sight and sound.

My World and the Environment

We provide natural learning environments, embedding sustainability. We encourage and engage the children in extended conversations that support their own understanding of the world and the environments around them. We provide many natural elements aimed to assist children to understand the Natural World they live in and the care that it requires.

Me, Myself and I

A large part of our program centres around developing strong Social and Emotional children. We are always encouraging positive relationships with teachers and friends, supporting emerging communication methods so children are able to express themselves appropriately.

Numbers

Numbers relate to the development of numeracy skills and mathematical concepts. Teaching numeracy is a vital component in early learning, as children learn best when engaged in meaningful play experiences which will ensure success in their later years. Children will be engaged and challenged with patterns, counting, sorting and shapes.

Art Expression

The provision of art materials for free expression is important as it allows the children to explore and creatively express themselves. By providing children with a variety of drawing equipment and encouragement we are improving finger strength and pencil grip. Both skills are needed to enable children to learn to write.

Rhythm and Melodies

Many concepts can be taught through music such as soft/loud, slow/fast and low/high just to name a few. A basic understanding of these concepts is needed to help young children grasp a wide range of future learning opportunities.

Let's Pretend

To ensure the development of healthy imaginations we provide many opportunities for children to dress up and role play. A healthy imagination encourages children to ask many questions, which leads to furthering their learning and strengthening of their own identity.

Active Healthy Bodies

We provide freshly cooked meals daily, offering a balanced nutritional diet for all children. Many discussions occur throughout the day on how their bodies function and require healthy food to grow big and strong. Active areas of play are also important for the children, these active play areas could include, gross motor skills, spatial sense, skipping and balancing skills.

Letters and Words

This relates to communication, literacy, language, reading and writing skills. We read a vast variety of books with children in both one on one and group settings to develop a love for letters and words. We also provide dramatic play areas to promote role playing, as it is an important form in teaching children communication and language skills. Many forms of print are also provided in order to reinforce how words look and are used.

Build It

We supply a wide range of both man-made and natural equipment for children to construct with, such as building towers, castles and whatever else comes to mind, which leads to an understanding of maths concepts, social interactions and problem solving skills.

Kidz Lab

Kidz Lab relates to scientific discovery and experimentation. The provision of engaging learning spaces that promote self discovery and experimentation can assist children in making discoveries for themselves about the world they live in. Providing interesting play spaces for children can help to foster a love a of science which will continue into later years.

AGE APPROPRIATE LEARNING

0 – 2 Years of age

The critical functions of a baby's brain are developing during this time. Areas like motor skills, personal-social awareness, hearing and language, hand and eye coordination, self-identity and reasoning are all strongly developing at this stage.

- ✓ Kool Kidz Provides a healthy, happy environment for babies to thrive in.

2 – 3 Years of age

This age is all about understanding the world as it can appear to be very big and complicated. As children become more confident with increased physical ability, their language and speech development improves, they also start to learn about relationships and start building on their social skills. Children are beginning to conceptualise rules, their behaviours and how it all makes sense.

- ✓ Kool Kidz supports and encourages the development of healthy choices and positive social skills.

3 – 4 Years of age

Your child is now transitioning from babyhood to childhood. They have rich imaginations, they may have strong fears, they love to play and they enjoy physical activities. They are beginning to be more comfortable spending time away from their usual carers. Sometimes they can be timid about trying new things.

- ✓ Kool Kidz fuels healthy imaginations and their emerging creativity.

4 – 5 Years of age

A much bigger world is now in view. Social issues like relationships, celebrating and understanding cultural diversity, the differences between male and female gender and lots of other big questions are asked as your child explores through their play. To glimpse a big world filled with opportunity and promise is very exciting and a journey they are now fully prepared to take to the next level.

- ✓ Kool Kidz observes each child's interests and abilities. This guides and extends further learning and development.