



Welcome to the Gumnut Room

Acacia children's centre delivers and demonstrates quality, responsive programs for children through:

- Education and care programs that follows the national and Victorian early educational Frameworks.
- A large shared outdoor play space with many natural and sustainable features
- A flexible indoor/outdoor program
- Project based learning
- All programs provide rich learning experiences developed through a strength/interest based approach as we view children as capable, competent co contributors and acknowledge them as active participants in learning.
- Maternal and Child Health Service
- Early Intervention Services –IPC Health- Speech therapy and Occupational Therapist

0-2 years Educator to child ratios are 1 educator to 4 children

12 children each day

2 Diploma Qualified Educator

2 Certificate III Educators, actively working towards their Diploma Qualification

Educational Programs

- **P.A.T.H.S – Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies**
- **Yoga - (Intended Program)**
- **Incursion each term**
- **Music Movement**
- **Steam: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Art**
- **Positive Behavioural Intervention and Supports**
- **Protect**
- **Australian Cultural heritage**
- **Every Toddler Talking**
- **Self-help skills**

Participation in Gumnut room

We encourage families, parents and caregivers to take an active role in a child's journey at Acacia, whether it's assisting in the service, participating in a parent group or helping out at a working bee. But the most important role you can play is to be there for your child; supporting and embracing their ongoing development, and their search for knowledge and self-expression.



Acacia Children's centre- St Albans



Items/clothing to bring to Acacia for your children: **ALL CLEARLY LABELED**



A few changes of clothes in their bag including shoes



A warm jacket



Sunhat



Gum boots and rain Jacket

Our Expectations

1. Acacia is an inclusive centre, so all children are welcome here.
2. Get to know your child's friends and educators.
3. Please keep educator inform when routines change for your child.
4. Be friendly and show respect to each other.
5. Parents assist children become independent by carrying in their bag to their locker.
6. Build a positive relationship and communicate any issues with the teachers.
7. Update us with information that affect your child's day eg. Family changes, unusual events occurring outside the centre.
8. At Acacia we encourage messy play (painting, mud and water play, sand) as a method to further develop their skills, so pleas dress your child in appropriate clothes that will allow them to get dirty.
9. It is quite normal for incidents/accidents to occur whilst your child is interacting with other children and participating in various experience and developing social skills. If you have any concerns please come see us.
10. Take an interest in your child's learning and development, e.g.: come and ask questions, read our documentation and educational program.
11. Attending our parent teacher interviews where we can discuss your child progress and set goals
12. Help out when you can by sharing your special skills with us eg, reading, fixing, attending excursions, donations
13. Talk to your child about their day.
14. Please let us know of any medical conditions or medication
15. Keep children who are sick home, any questions please call Olivia
16. Please notify us if your child will be absent
17. Please **do not bring any food** into the room.
18. Label all belongings and encourage your children to take care of their belongings.
19. HAVE FUN WITH US!!!

0-2 DAILY ROUTINE

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| 6.30 - 8.00 | Family grouping in gumnut Room Breakfast is served |
| 9.30 - 10.00 | Morning Tea (Progressive) |
| 9.45 – 11.30 | Indoor/Outdoor Educational Program |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Lunch Time (flexible) |
| All day | Rest and Sleep is available all day and to suit each child's individual need |
| 2.30 - 3.00 | Afternoon Tea (Progressive) |
| 3.00 – 6.10 | Indoor/Outdoor Educational Program |
| 5.30 | Late snack |
| 5.30 – 6.05 | Family grouping in Gumnut Room (0-2) |
| 6.05 – 6.10 | Pick up and discuss your child's day. |

(Please ensure you come by this time to allow educators time to discuss your child's day as we close by 6.15)

6.15pm Acacia Closes

Please note: All babies follow their own individual routines for both meals and sleep times. Please let Educators know their home routine so we can do our best to follow their home routines at Acacia.

Routines are always a guideline and are flexible to meet the needs of all children

Group time for the children is flexible and will include stories, song, dancing.

Rest time is encouraged to allow children to wind down and recharge for the afternoon learning program.

Indoor and outdoor program will continue in cold weather. We will bring them inside when the weather becomes unsafe for their health and wellbeing e.g.: asthma, extreme heat or strong winds