



# Acacia Children's Centre- St Albans



## The educators in the Waratah 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

**3-4 years Educator to child ratios are 1 educator to 11 children**

22 children each day

2 Diploma Qualified Educator

1 Certificate III Educators, actively working towards their Diploma Qualification

### Educational Programs

- **P.A.T.H.S – Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies**
- **Australian Cultural heritage**
- **Yoga - (Intended Program)**
- **Incursion each term**
- **Excursions to local community**
- **Music Movement**
- **Learning language and Loving It**
- **Road Safety**
- **Water safety**
- **Protect**
- **Early learning Languages Australia (ELLA) Language of Japanese**
- **Positive Behavioural Intervention and Supports**
- **STEAM Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts Mathematics**
- **Further independent self-help skills**

### Participation in Waratah room

***We encourage families 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.***



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



A few changes of clothes in a bag



A warm jacket



Sunhat



Gum boots and rain Jacket

## Our Expectations of Families

1. Acacia is an inclusive centre, so all children are welcome here.
2. Get to know your child's friends and educators.
3. Parents assist children become independent by allowing them to carry their own bag to their locker.
4. Be friendly and show respect to each other.
5. Build a positive relationship and communicate any issues with the teachers.
6. Update us with information that affect your child's day eg. Family changes, unusual events occurring outside the centre.
7. Take an interest in your child's learning and development, e.g.: come and ask questions, read our documentation and educational program.
8. At acacia, we encourage messy play (mud, water, paint and sand) as a method to further develop their skills. So please dress your child in appropriate clothes that can get dirty.
9. Attending our parent teacher interviews where we can discuss your child progress and set goals
10. Help out when you can by sharing your special skills with us eg, reading, fixing, attending excursions, donations, working bees
11. Talk to your child about their day.
12. Please let us know of any medical conditions such as Asthma or allergies.
13. All over the counter medication needs a prescription or letter from GP
14. 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.
15. Keep children who are sick at 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. Please refrain from allowing your children to bring in toys from home ( only exceptions is if they assist their wellbeing)
19. Label all belongings and encourage your children to take care of their belongings.
20. Work with us when your child is ready to be toilet trained.
21. HAVE FUN WITH US!!!

# Daily Program

6.30am	Family grouping in baby room, breakfast is served until 8am
8.30am	Educators will move 3-5 year old children to older rooms to embark on the Indoor / outdoor educational program that include experiences based on STEAM, PATHS, physical and social development <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Local outings will commence approximately at 10am and finish by 3pm</li></ul>
9.30am	Morning tea (Progressive)
12.00pm	Lunch time
12.30pm	Opportunity for rest and sleep time (children are able to rest and sleep at any time throughout the day)
3-3.30pm	Afternoon tea (Progressive)
5.30pm	Late snack (for the children that are still here)
5.30-5.45pm	Family grouping in 3-4 room
6.05pm	Last children to be picked up. If you wish to discuss your child's day, please ensure you come by this time to allow educators time to discuss with you as we close at 6.15pm)
6.15pm	Acacia Closes.

## Important note

**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 and open discussions.**

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

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