

KiDS

Early Learning Centres

Where Wonder Grows

24 months – 4 years at Kids ELC

An engaging play-based curriculum where inquiry, exploration, and friendships spark a love of learning.



At Kids ELC we acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation and their continuing connection to country and culture. Across our centres, our learning takes place on ancestral lands and nearby waterways. We pay our respects to Elders of each nation, past, present and emerging.



Building Connection and Belonging

Strong relationships between your child and their educators are at the heart of our learning community. Educators take time to listen, observe, and respond with care and respect. Through these trusting relationships, your child feels valued and confident to explore, play, and learn.

Starting and Ending the Day Together

Our educators are thoughtfully chosen for their ability to care deeply, connect warmly, and build trusting relationships with your child and your family. Drop-offs and pick-ups are meaningful moments where home and care come together. Familiar rituals and gentle reassurance support your child to feel secure and ready to explore. At pick-up time, we enjoy sharing your child's experiences and discoveries from the day.

Families as Partners

Settling into care is a unique journey for every child, and we know that families are your child's first and most important teachers. We work closely with you to understand your child's routines, interests, and comfort needs, valuing your knowledge, culture and insights every step of the way. Through open communication, shared decision-making, and caring relationships, we support your child's identity, wellbeing, and sense of belonging, supporting them feel safe, confident, and ready to explore their environment.

Bringing a Piece of Home

Comfort items from home can provide familiarity and emotional security for your child, especially during settling in or rest times. These special objects support your child bridge the connection between home and the learning environment. We respect your child's need for comfort while gently supporting their growing confidence and independence.



Innovative Philosophy

Influenced by the world-renowned Reggio Emilia philosophy and evidence-based practices, we embrace an active inquiry and play-based approach to learning that nurtures curiosity, confidence, collaboration, respect, and creativity. We view your child as a citizen from birth, capable of relationships, communication, and contribution. Learning is intentional, reflective, and co-created with children and families. Your child's expressions - whether through movement, sound, gesture, or play are valued as meaningful ways of making sense of the world.

"Our image of the child is rich in potential, strong, powerful, competent, and most of all, connected to adults and other children" Loris Malaguzzi

A Curriculum That Nurtures the Whole Child

Our curriculum is guided by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and shaped by your child's interests, relationships, and everyday experiences. We support and assess learning through the five EYLF outcomes:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

Supporting Development at Your Child's Pace

Developmental milestones guide our understanding of growth but do not define your child. We recognise learning as a unique and unfolding journey shaped by relationships, experiences, and opportunities. By focusing on strengths and possibilities, we support your child's development with confidence and respect.



Studios | Spaces for Thinking, Exploring, and Belonging

Did you know?

At Kids ELC we call our learning spaces studios because this is where children research, think, and innovate. Through play, relationships, and holistic learning, our studios bring children's ideas to life. Our studios are named after places in Reggio Emilia, honouring the origins of the philosophy that influences and guides our practice.

Roncina & Cavazzoli Studios

In Roncina and Cavazzoli Studio, our 2 to 3.5-year-old children begin each day with a warm welcome, joining in songs and interactive stories that build connection, a sense of belonging, and support emerging expressive language.

We embrace outdoor play and physical movement as central for healthy development, supporting children build strength, coordination, independence, and confidence.

Through rich play experiences in role play, construction and creative arts, children are encouraged to express themselves, make choices, use their imagination, and develop early problem-solving skills. These shared experiences also nurture important social and emotional skills, supporting each child to grow a strong sense of identity as a capable and confident learner.



Reggiane Studio

In Reggiane Studio, our 3 to 4-year-old children begin each day with an Acknowledgement of Country, coming together to greet friends, share stories, and foster a strong sense of community through collaboration and connection.

Through experiences including rich imaginative play, open-ended construction, light exploration, digital technology and sustainable practices, children engage in meaningful hands-on investigations. Our inquiry-based curriculum thoughtfully weaves literacy and numeracy into everyday experiences, nurturing shared sustained thinking for enriching language.

Authentic art materials promoting sculpting, painting and mark making, support self-expression and creativity, empowering children to make decisions, build confidence, and develop a strong sense of themselves as capable, confident, and creative individuals.





The Rhythm of Our Days

Daily rhythms and rituals support your child to feel safe, calm, and confident as they begin to understand the flow of their day. Familiar routines help your child anticipate what comes next and develop a strong sense of belonging. We value slowing down, following your child's cues, and honouring their natural rhythms. Your child is encouraged to make their bed and care for their belongings and studio as part of our daily rhythm. These shared experiences support independence, responsibility, decision-making, and connection.

Sharing Food, Care, and Community

Mealtimes are unhurried, social moments where your child is invited to set tables, serve themselves, and make decisions about what they would like to eat. Your child's health and safety are important to us, and we work closely with families to manage allergies and dietary requirements, so every child is safe and included.

Listening to Our Bodies

Rest and relaxation are guided by your child's individual needs, rhythms, and sense of wellbeing. Through calm, nurturing spaces and mindful moments, your child is supported to slow their body, notice their feelings, and gently recharge. We encourage your child to rest in ways that feel safe, respectful, and responsive to their emotional and physical needs.





When Big Feelings Need Time

Independence grows through supportive relationships and emotional guidance. Your child is learning to understand and manage a wide range of emotions, from excitement and joy to frustration and sadness. Educators respond with patience, closeness, and co-regulation, supporting your child notice their feelings, calm their body, and express themselves safely. Educators support your child to name feelings, problem-solve, and develop self-confidence. Through these supportive moments, your child builds confidence, resilience, and the skills to navigate emotions in everyday experiences. Over time, your child gains the skills to care for themselves and others.

“Children do not need us to shape them. They need us to respond to who they are.” Naomi Aldort.



Early Literacy

Your child’s language and communication flourish when they feel heard, understood, and connected. Through play, storytelling, songs, conversations, and shared reading, your child builds vocabulary, listening skills, and confidence expressing ideas. Educators observe and respond to your child’s words, gestures, drawings, and expressions, supporting early literacy, narrative thinking, and the joy of sharing stories. Everyday experiences from pretend play to asking questions about the world, become rich opportunities for your child to communicate, explore ideas, and experiment with words and meaning.

“Nothing Without Joy” – Loris Malaguzzi

Where Curiosity Leads Us

Your child learns through inquiry, exploration, and play that grows from their wonderings. Educators observe closely, wonder alongside your child, and extend learning through thoughtful questions and a variety of open-ended materials and loose parts. These materials support your child to experiment, problem-solve, and express ideas in countless ways, making learning a shared and evolving process that honours their creativity and curiosity.



Brave Courageous Play

Adventurous play supports your child's physical development, confidence, and resilience. Your child is encouraged to climb, balance, run, and take considered risks in safe environments. Educators support your child to trust their body and capabilities while exploring the world around them.



Caring for Our World

Your child is encouraged to notice, respect, and care for the natural world around them. Through play, exploration, and everyday experiences, they learn how their actions - like caring for plants, recycling, and conserving resources - make a difference. We see children as protectors of the future, and these experiences support them develop responsibility, empathy, and a lifelong connection to the environment.

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children"

Curious Minds, Big Questions

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning begins with your child's curiosity, hands-on exploration, and problem-solving. Your child investigates numeracy, patterns, construction, nature, and cause-and-effect through play. Educators encourage your child to wonder, test ideas, and think deeply about the world. Open-ended materials and loose parts invite your child to experiment and use their imagination, creating new ways to explore, build, and discover.





Ateliers (Art Studios) – Creative Expression

The atelier offers your child opportunities to express ideas through art, light, movement, and digital media. Materials are offered as invitations rather than instructions, encouraging your child to explore and create. We value creative expression as a way for your child to think, communicate, and make meaning.

The Hundred Languages of Children

*The child
is made of one hundred.
The child has
a hundred languages
a hundred hands
a hundred thoughts
a hundred ways of thinking
of playing, of speaking...*

Loris Malaguzzi



Did You Know?

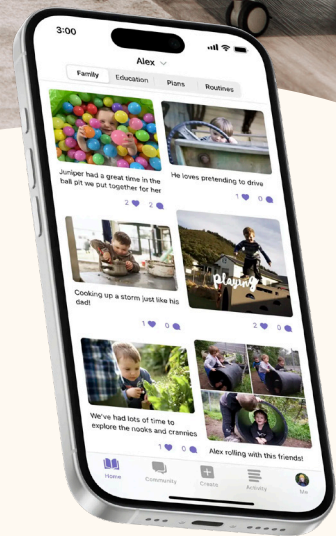
Within our studios you will find clay and other authentic artist materials for your child to explore and create. Clay supports your child to shape, mould, and express ideas in ways that words sometimes cannot - supporting imagination, problem-solving, and fine motor skills. By offering real, high-quality materials, we honour your child's capability and show respect for their ideas and creativity.





Stay Connected to Every Moment

Storypark keeps you connected to your child's learning journey through shared stories, images, child notes, and reflections. We use this platform to make learning visible and invite your voice, insights, and family moments. Together, we celebrate your child's discoveries and growth as part of a shared learning partnership.



Three Books, Endless Adventures

Reading together every day is more than a bedtime ritual- it's a gateway to adventure, imagination, and connection.

Three Books a Day, Every Day: From birth to age 5, reading 3 books a day means your child will explore over 5,000 stories - thousands of words and countless rich conversations that grow language, curiosity, and a love of literacy.

Your Turn: Take a moment to write down your child's favourite stories below to share with us. Watch this list grow as you discover new books together!

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