

Welcome to the

Surry Hills Early Learning Centre



A community service, caring for your child.

Our brand new service, is a community focused provider of early learning and pre-school education for the Surry Hills 'village'.

We have built a modern, secure, state of the art learning space, to provide all of your child's needs during the time where foundations are laid for future health, learning and wellbeing.

Childhood is a unique time of life, to be valued and enjoyed in its own right.

Please allow us to help them along this wonderful journey.

We have qualified and passionate educators who lead our dedicated teams from newborn care through to our pre-school program. Your child will receive quality care in an early learning environment where they feel safe, nurtured, stimulated and happy.



Why Choose the Surry Hills Early Learning Centre?

We are confident that we have assembled a fantastic combination of educators and administrators in a physical space with which to give your child the best care and education possible.

We understand that there are so many factors that come into play when choosing your child's first early learning experience and it's one of the most important decisions you'll make.

We know how critical the first six years are to a child's development. Every experience lays down a lifelong foundation for learning, health and behaviour.

Hence, at the Surry Hills Early Learning Centre, we offer:

- An educational curriculum which encompasses the government's **Early Years Learning Framework**
- Small class sizes to achieve best learning outcomes for our children
- Dedicated preschool/kindergarten program prepared by very experienced educators
- Art, music and language programs
- Nutrition Program designed by one of Australia's leading Nutritionists
- Fresh seasonal menus including breakfast, lunch and snacks
- A built environment is designed specifically to meet the development of children in each age group
- Nappies and cot linen are provided
- A Sunsmart Centre
- Daily communication with families

The Surry Hills Early Learning Centre has a strong vision and desire to become a leader of child care services in Surry Hills. Proactive methods attracting passionate educators. We will be providing unsurpassed education to children, with the aim of becoming an important asset to our community.

Our Vision

We want to care, educate and nurture our children. We want to empower them and ignite our children's desire to reach their full potential.

Nursery (0-2 years)

It's a true privilege to be able to help your child transition at a time when every day is full of wonder. Learning to communicate and mobilise as they explore their world.

Preschool (3-6 years)

Exponential growth of the individual child as they expand their horizons and acquire life skills. Their 'wings' are developed to allow each child to 'fly' with the assistance of our educators.

Toddlers (2-3 years)

During this incredible stage of development, we will support and guide as the children develop their skills and curiosity.



Our way... the ‘Mariposa Way’. It’s more than a philosophy, it’s an approach that draws upon modern research but follows age old values.

Our Philosophy

We value children growing up with the understandings, skills and dispositions to be caring people and effective learners, able to contribute to their world and to enjoy rich and successful relationships with others. This journey starts at babyhood.

Childhood is the time where foundations are laid for future health, learning and wellbeing.

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For the children we will:

- Provide a clean, warm, professional and safe environment with quality staff that work to the highest standard, we’ve created a space to nurture and invest in your children.
- Acknowledge children from birth are active and competent learners.
- Encourage children’s learning through play by providing for their interests and expanding their knowledge and skills.
- Promote resilience, a sense of belonging, self-worth, secure attachments and warm trusting relationships and interactions.
- Seek to strengthen critical thinking, intellectual curiosity and informed risk-taking.
- Promote communication and problem solving skills, together with social and cultural learning and awareness, and the capacity to express and acknowledge feelings.



With families we will:

- Recognise parents as their child's first and most influential teachers.
- Share knowledge and promote confident parenting.
- Seek to develop and maintain positive relationships based on honesty, trust and respect, two way communication and participation in service decision-making.
- Respect and value the individual backgrounds and unique culture and customs of families.
- Build genuine reciprocal relationships with families that are strengthened and sustained over time.

With the community we will:

- Connect children and families with each other and family support services.
- Share our knowledge and expertise with others.
- Maintain our centre's methods to follow best practice government approved framework
- Promote the value and contribution of our services within the broader community.

“Play is the way most humans, but especially young children, make sense of their world. Play-based learning is an important way to develop active learning. Active learning means using your brain in lots of ways.”

Our People

A major inspiration behind the Surry Hills Early Learning centre is the people and educators we will have working with us.

Experienced and committed educators with a passion for the caring, educating and development of children.

Our centre is committed to attracting and retaining high quality educators, as a key part of our offering to families.

Building long lasting relationships with your child and family are vital. To do this, we aim to continually reward and provide training for our educators in order to achieve and maintain the highest standards of care and education possible.

We never stop learning and the Surry Hills Early Learning Centre will provide leadership and resources to allow all of our people to reach their potential. Not just the children.

Our Methods

The Early Years Learning Framework is an early childhood curriculum framework, which will guide early childhood educators in developing quality, early childhood education programmes. It has been developed collaboratively by the Australian and state and territory governments with substantial input from the child care and early learning sector and early childhood academics.

The Early Years Learning Framework has a strong emphasis on play-based learning. The framework also recognises the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development. In addition, the framework has a focus on successful transition to formal schooling.

Play Based Learning utilising the Early Years Learning Framework

When children play, they:

- Explore the world – natural and social
- Develop and practise social and language skills that may be more complex than in everyday activities
- Expand and challenge their physical skills
- Experiment with new ideas including symbolic competence required for formal learning
- Enhance their self-confidence
- Think and express themselves creatively
- Respond to experiences with or without language
- Develop their sense of self and identity

Play Based Learning teaches:

- Tenacity
- The ability to take risks
- Learning through failure in a non-judging environment
- Creating these characteristics into a child's personality that will help them in their future

The essence of creativity is Problem Solving. Freedom in play allows children develop their skills in problem solving.

Good nutrition is linked to all aspects of growth and development. We've engaged a professional nutritionist to develop our seasonal menus.

Nutrition

Lifelong eating habits are learned by the time children reach school age. Children are not small adults when it comes down to their nutritional needs. They have high energy needs for their rapid growth.

Children require a variety of nutrient-dense foods such as fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, meat, fish and adequate calories in order to grow and develop properly.

Sample Menu

Breakfast

Seasonal fruits and assortment of cereals

Morning Tea

Yoghurt, seasonal fruits, vegemite on toast

Lunch

Minestrone soup with additional steamed vegetables and mashed sweet potato. Seasonal fruits.

Afternoon Tea

Vegetable sticks with dips, cheese and crackers

Late Snack

Seasonal fruits, rice crackers with vegemite

A Typical Day

Time	Nursery	Toddlers	Pre-School
7am – 9am	Children welcomed/ Breakfast/Play Time	Children welcomed/ Breakfast/Play Time	Children welcomed/ Breakfast/Play Time
9am – 10am	Morning Tea + sleep	Outdoor Play	Group Play
10am – 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sensory Play• Indoor & Outdoor Play• Meal & Sleep Time	Morning Tea / Small Group Activities	Morning Tea / Structured Activities
12pm – 1:30pm	Lunch + sleep/ quiet time	Lunch + sleep/ quiet time	Lunch + sleep/ quiet time
1:30pm – 3pm	Indoor play	Indoor play	Reading & Music
3pm	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm – 6pm	Indoor and Outdoor Play <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meal & Sleep Time	Outdoor Play/ Late Snack	Outdoor Group Play/Late Snack

Surry Hills Early Learning Centre

- 24 placements each day
- 7 Qualified Educators employed plus support staff
- Enrolling Children
6 weeks – 5 years
- Specialised pre-school program created by a very experienced kindergarten teacher
- Small classes throughout a child's time with us
- Hours 7am – 6pm
- Immunisation is compulsory
- 6 weeks – 3 years old \$150 p/d
- 3+ years old \$140 p/d



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