



Over 40 Years of Excellence in **Educational Childcare**

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Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



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"We will work with you to understand your child's needs and tailor our programs accordingly so that your child feels at home in our centre."



The Early Years

Learning Today. Leading Tomorrow

The first five years of your children's lives are the most important and high-quality early education can set them on the right path for life. Since 1980, Oz Education Early Learning Centres have been dedicated to offering exceptional early education and care for children aged six weeks to six years old.

Our centres offer a safe and nurturing home-away-from-home environment to help your child learn, grow and thrive.

Our comprehensive curriculum fosters creativity and discovery across a wide range of learning areas. We also offer a wide range of programs to promote your child's physical fitness, health and well-being.

Our Advantage Preschool Program equips your child with essential school readiness skills and award-winning numeracy and literacy programs, fostering confidence and independence.

Your child's health and wellbeing is our top priority. Our team will partner with you to understand your child's unique needs and tailor our programs to ensure they feel at home in our centre.

We look forward to partnering with your family to support your child's growth and learning, setting them on the path of success, today and in the future.





BIG BOOK OF
more
STEM
ACTIVITIES

Early Learning

AT OZ EDUCATION EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

At Oz Education, we aim to create the best outcomes for children in their early years and beyond. Our mission is to provide high-quality childcare and exceptional early learning opportunities that inspire each child to discover, learn and reach their potential.

Developing a love for lifelong learning

We take a holistic approach to nurture each child's physical, emotional, social as well as cognitive aspects of development which helps them grow into a well-rounded, confident and successful individual. Learning is fun and play-based to inspire a love for lifelong learning.



Investing in your child's future

Oz Education hires qualified Early Childhood Educators who are capable of providing a supportive environment where every child belongs and thrives.



Our Early Childhood Teachers recognise the unique developmental needs of each child and plan stimulating play spaces and experiences that ignite curiosity and foster a love for discovery and learning.

We invest in training our educators to ensure that they are equipped with vital knowledge and qualifications in Early Childhood Education that will help your child to achieve key learning outcomes.



They are supported by our Educational Leadership team who continually develop new resources and innovative tools that enable our little learners to learn more effectively.

Every educator holds certification in First Aid, CPR, Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Child Protection which are updated at regular intervals each year.

"All the educators are lovely and caring. I feel good leaving my daughter at a childcare centre where I know she is safe and happy."

- Susan (parent)



Belonging, Being and Becoming



"Belonging, being and becoming are fundamental to children's lives and learning."

Our Learning Framework

The Early Years Learning Framework aims to build your child's sense of identity, community, well-being, and the ability to learn. Your child will also have the added advantage of early STEM learning through our play-based learning curriculum and structured Advantage preschool program that ensures that they get a great head start for school and for life.



Belonging

Belonging involves knowing where and with whom you belong and is a basic human need. At our centres we will support your child's sense of *belonging* and their relationship and identity building processes. *Belonging* is central to *being* and *becoming* and it shapes who your children are and their future potential.

Being

Early childhood is a crucial time to be, and to learn about the world. Oz Education recognises the importance of the past and present in your children's lives. Your children begin to know themselves, form their identities, build meaningful relationships, and engage with complex aspects of life. Early childhood is not limited to future aspirations but includes *being* in the present.

Becoming

Your child's identity and understanding of the world, and their relationships and capabilities evolve during their childhood. *Becoming* involves the rapid changes occurring as your child develops in this stage of life. Oz Education recognises the importance of collaboration between educators, families, and children to support healthy children.

Our Learning Curriculum

Nurturing your child's development and potential

We offer a balanced curriculum that provides your child with easy access to a broad range of learning areas where they can explore their interests through purposeful play. Our Early Childhood Teachers are trained to recognize the unique developmental needs and abilities of each child which enables them to plan age-appropriate, fun and stimulating play experiences based on your child's interests. This personalized approach ensures your child engages in purposeful play that develops their capability and confidence in learning during their early years.



You can check on your child's learning outcomes on our secured online app anywhere and anytime.



Our holistic approach, based on the Early Years Learning Framework, utilizes play to develop overall academic, physical, emotional, and social growth. Learning is fun and personalized to children's interests to inspire a love for lifelong learning.

The Early Years Learning Framework Planning Cycle

OBSERVE / Listen /
Collect information

Our educators use many reliable sources of information to gather and document your child's learning, development and wellbeing. This throughout the day, across curriculum and individual routines and experiences.

Our educators are attentive to children's dispositions, interests, discoveries, perspectives, skills, involvement and contributions to their and their peers learning.

ASSESS / Analyse /
Interpret learning

Educators draw on their professional knowledge and early childhood theories to identify your child's strengths and capabilities and relate these to Learning Outcomes. Our Educators use their knowledge in partnership with children, families, other professionals, and communities to interpret the information they collect.

PLAN / Design

Our educators intentionally and thoughtfully plan based on analysis of their information and documentation. Plans focus on consolidating, enriching and expanding your child's learning and thinking. Educators thoughtfully use appropriate learning materials and strategies in indoor and outdoor environments.

IMPLEMENT / Enact

Our educators evaluate the implementation of plans according to their assessment of children's learning. Educators consider how their plans can enrich your child's learning, development and wellbeing. Our educators sensitively consider all children's cultural and linguistic backgrounds and the diverse capabilities they bring.

EVALUATE / Critically
reflect

Educators critically consider past experiences to understand what works for your child. Critical reflection ensures that our educators can provide enriching learning possibilities moving forward. Our educators' evaluation also informs possibilities for valuable professional development.



OZ EDUCATION'S

ADVANTAGE

Preschool Program



Since 1980, Oz Education has successfully helped many families prepare their children for school. Our Advantage Preschool Program has a strong focus on developing a love for learning. Our preschoolers are capable, engaged and confident learners which makes their transition to school a positive experience.

Advantage Preschool Program

Learning Together through PLAY

Advantage Preschool Program provides enriching play-based experiences that cover our eight Key Learning Areas. Our preschoolers pursue topics that generate investigation, curiosity and a desire for knowledge, from science, history, geography to sustainability. Our preschoolers also collaborate on group projects that enhance their communication, creative thinking, problem-solving and social skills. Projects can take various forms from constructing 3D models to organising a charity bake sale.

Gaining Confidence and Independence

In the year before school, your child will engage in structured programs that enable them to thrive as a confident individual and gain independence.



Advantage Literacy and Numeracy Timetable

Your child will learn the letter and number order, phonics and how to form words quickly using the SATPIN letter order used in NSW primary schools. After learning the first 6 letters, your child would be able to make words in the 'at', 'an', 'it', 'ip', 'ap' and 'in' families.



News Time

Children take turns to present a news item based on the letter of the week which builds their confidence while speaking to a group.



Advantage Preschool Learning Folder

Your child will be guided to develop pre-writing skills and practice handwriting A to Z and 0 to 20 using fun worksheets in their folder. The folder also includes stimulating worksheets that help your child expand their knowledge and learn about shapes, colours and more.



Physical and Life Skills

Our preschoolers practise a range of life skills that teach independence and prepare them for school from opening their lunch box to listening to a short story. *Find a full list of these skills at our website.*

Digital Learning Portfolio

You can access your child's personalised portfolio on our App to follow your child's early learning journey and assess your child's readiness for school.



Transition to School Meetings

Our annual Transition to School Information Evening will enable you to meet with staff from local schools, in preparation for your child's transition to school.

Progress Reports and Meetings

Each year, our educators conduct a Transition to School progress meeting with parents and provide them with a completed NSW Transition to School Statement.

OZ EDUCATION'S

Certified STEM

Learning Centres

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education in the early years allows children to begin learning and retaining knowledge and practices that they can build on as they grow older.

Inquiry-based, hands-on STEM is a collaborative process that encourages children to raise questions and explore their interests.

Oz Education Early Learning Centres embed age-appropriate STEM concepts and skills into our daily curriculum. In a playful way, our early learners are familiarised with scientific processes and learn to think scientifically through activities and games.



Benefits of STEM

STEM education in early childhood enables children to use their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to try to understand how the world works and to solve problems.

In addition, the skills gained from STEM education also extend beyond those needed to be successful in STEM fields. From an early age, our early learners strengthen their practices of collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

- cultivates creativity and out-of-the-box thinking
- lays the foundation for social and emotional intelligence
- raises children's confidence
- fosters children's abilities to plan, reflect and learn
- prepares them for academic success

STEM skills help our early learners to go beyond the traditional preschool skills with huge benefits toward their disposition for learning for school and beyond.



Award-winning

Numeracy and Literacy Programs

At Oz Education, our preschoolers learn Mathematics and Literacy through a combination of structured and play-based learning experiences that are tailored to their interests. They also reinforce and extend their numeracy and literacy skills using award-winning, interactive online programs Mathseeds and Reading Eggs. Both programs which have a RRP of \$156 per year are offered to our preschoolers at no extra cost.

Mathseeds



Mathseeds uses fun, interactive and rewarding learning methods to teach young children core mathematics and problem-solving skills. It combines structured lessons with fun and motivational elements to keep children engaged and keen to learn.

Reading Eggs



Reading Eggs, based on scientific research, teaches young children essential reading and phonics skills using interactive animations, fun characters and songs. The lessons, developed by a team of highly experienced expert educators, are suited to each child's abilities. They receive reward and certificates for their efforts which help keep them motivated.

Personalised learning

Our educators supervise all lessons to help our preschoolers reach their Preschool Mathematics and Literacy outcomes and ensure screen time does not exceed ten minutes. They also observe each child's learning progress and record outcomes on their digital learning portfolio. This personalised approach effectively improves learning outcomes for each preschooler. To view a list of our Preschool Mathematics and Literacy Outcomes, please visit our website at ozeducation.com.au.



**This program is currently not available at our centres located in the North Coast of NSW.*



OZ EDUCATION'S

Community Celebrations

Our Community Program supports the three main pillars of the Early Years Learning Framework – **Belonging, Being and Becoming**. Young children learn more about their surrounding world when they practice being and belonging to a community and the world around them. The program helps them to experience where they belong, and with whom. It encourages little ones to 'become' active and engaged members of their community with a strong sense of belonging and identity.

Events Celebrated at Oz Education

January



New Year's Day, Australia Day, Lunar New Year

February



Valentine's Day, Ramadan, Newcomer experiences

March



Holi Day, St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day

April



Easter Hat Parades, ANZAC Day, World Earth Day

May



Mother's Day, International Day of Families, National Simultaneous Storytime, National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week

June



Oz Education Sports Week, World Ocean Day

July



NAIDOC Week, Crazy Hair Day, Pyjama Week

August



Children's Book Week, Dental Health Week, Jeans for Genes Day, Red Nose Day, National Science Week

September



Father's Day, Early Childhood Educator's Day, National Child Protection Week

October



Halloween Dress Up Week, Diwali Festival of Lights, Chinese Mooncake Festival, National Nutrition Week

November



Remembrance Day, National Recycling Week

December



Christmas Celebrations, Preschool Graduations



OZ EDUCATION'S

Health AND WELLBEING

Our centres provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment that maximise each child's learning potential. Throughout the year, our children learn about nutrition, fitness, personal safety and hygiene, positive behaviours and socio-emotional relationships that contribute to their health and wellbeing. They are supported to manage their feelings and thoughts and display respect and care for others, as well as other healthy lifestyle habits that will carry them well into their later years.

Health Assessments

Our preschoolers receive additional complimentary dental and eyesight assessments from professional health practitioners. These services which take place in the comfort of our centres, provide an added convenience for busy parents.



Eyesight

We partner with The NSW Government's Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening program (StEPS), a universal, scientifically-based vision assessment for children aged 4 years old and over.



Dental

We partner with our centre's appointed local dental clinic to provide oral examinations and preventative services to our preschoolers who are covered by Medicare's Dental Benefits Schedule.



OZ EDUCATION'S

Multisports & Dance

It's not just about learning at Oz Education. We offer a wide range of co-curricular activities for each child to discover their talents and blossom into a confident, well-rounded and successful individual.

At Oz Education, we provide an outstanding Multisports Program that helps your child build a strong and healthy body and mindset through exposure to different sports. Your child will participate in sports sessions with trained sport coaches in small groups. Each session includes a nutritional talk, warm-up, games, gross motor development, stretches and discussions. The program is specifically developed, age-appropriate, outcome-driven and tailored to meet the National Quality Standards (NQS) and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

Benefits of Sport

The on-site program will allow your child to enjoy the many benefits of learning multi-sports in the safety of our centres. Your child will:

- become aware of the basic rules of different sports
- develop agility, balance and hand-eye coordination
- develop gross motor, fine motor and locomotor skills
- build strength and stamina
- learn sportsmanship, fair play and respect for each player
- reinforce numeracy and literacy skills through number and colour recognition games.



Types of Sport

- AFL/Rugby
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Space Ball
- Soccer
- Tee ball
- Tennis

Benefits of Dance

Trained dance instructors use a range of techniques to engage our children in:

- learning basic dance foundational movements
- enhancing their imagination, creativity and musicality
- reinforcing basic literacy and numeracy like counting out beats.

The Dance Program is provided in the comfort of our air-conditioned Early Learning Centres.

Types of Dance

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Hip Hop
- Rhythmic.



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OZ EDUCATION'S Mealtime



At Oz Education, we aim to provide the healthiest and most delicious meals, and we partner with parents to understand the unique dietary needs of each child.

A Well-Balanced Menu

We provide a menu with a rotation of four different weekly menus that offer a myriad of tastes and cultural experiences.

Our menus are planned based on the "Australian Dietary Guidelines" to ensure we are producing nutritious and well-balanced menus to support the vital developmental needs of each child. Each meal is approved by the NSW Munch and Move initiative.

We also welcome menu suggestions from families and work together with them to cater to individual allergies, food intolerance, cultural preferences and religious requirements.

Freshly Prepared Meals

Each of our Early Learning Centres has a dedicated cook who prepares four healthy meals each day for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and evening snack. All meals are prepared using fresh ingredients and produce in our well-equipped kitchens.

Morning Tea:

Served between approximately 8.30am to 9.30am depending on numbers of children each day.



Follow your child's daily meal times.

Lunch:

Served between 11am to 12pm (younger babies have varying meal times)

Afternoon Tea:

Served between approximately 2.30pm to 3pm

Late Snack:

Served at approximately 5pm

All meals are prepared in compliance with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and the NSW Food Authority's food handling guidelines and hygiene practices as well as each child's dietary preferences and requirements. To this end, parents are prohibited from bringing any foods into our centres.

"We partner with parents to cater to the dietary needs of each child."

Healthy Eating

We also embed the importance of nutrition into our curriculum to develop positive attitudes toward food. During cooking experiences, our educators discuss food preparation and nutrition with our children, allowing them to explore and appreciate different smells and tastes, from fruits, vegetables to herbs that are sometimes grown by our children in their gardens. Our children also enjoy mealtimes with their friends which teaches them healthy eating habits as well as social and self-help skills.



"Children are naturally curious about what goes into their bellies and love engaging in experiences where they learn about good nutrition and healthy eating habits."

Birthdays

We enjoy making each child feel special on their birthday and will help parents organise a celebration upon request. A birthday celebration can take the form of a fun experience that allows our children to create birthday decorations and participate in fun birthday games. Our priority is our children's health. We discourage party food high in saturated fat, salt and sugar content for birthday celebrations. Parents are encouraged to bring fruits instead which our cook will carve into a fun and colourful fruit platter or a 3D birthday cake. This practice is in line with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and ensures all children, including those with dietary requirements, can participate in a birthday celebration.



OZ EDUCATION'S Rest Time



Follow your
child's daily
rest times.

We provide each child with sufficient sleep and rest time throughout the day in accordance with safe sleeping practices. We also recognise that each child is different and accommodate individual rest time and routines.

Each day, our older children are given the opportunity to rest after lunch, while our babies and youngest children follow their individual sleep routines. Children who do not wish to sleep are encouraged to have a rest to revitalize their bodies.

Preschoolers who are required by their family not to rest or are beginning to transition out of rest time to get ready for a nap-free school routine, engage in quiet activities during this period.

Our educators sit with our children during rest time and put on calming background music to encourage rest, relaxation and revitalisation.

Safe Sleep and Rest Practices

At Oz Education, our centres provide a safe and nurturing environment with suitable beds and cots which comply with Safe Sleep and Rest practices as outlined by Red Nose Australia.

Parents and carers are required to provide bedding that aligns with the requirements outlined in our Sleep, Rest & Relaxation Policy and set by Red Nose Australia.

"We recognise that each child is different and accommodate individual rest time and routines"



Questions?

You're welcome to book a tour of your chosen centre, meet our staff and get answers to all of your questions. To book a visit, call **1300 644 125** or go to ozeducation.com.au.

I'm going back to work soon, when should I enrol my child?

Enrolment for each year opens in August. As places are limited, secure a place early to avoid disappointment. Positions will only be offered based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Are orientations complimentary?

Yes, upon enrolment your child can attend orientations **at no extra cost**. It's our way to help your child experience a smooth transition into childcare.

Starting Childcare

As childcare is a new environment for your child with new people and new routines, it is good to start slowly allowing for shorter days in the first few weeks of care.

When should I enrol my child for preschool?

Our preschool program helps children aged 4 and 5 years old to prepare for formal primary schooling in a fun and supportive environment. The 12-month program commences in January, at the start of each school year. You should enrol your child now to get them ready to for formal school at the start of 2027.





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