



Big things await

Kindergarten
3-6 years



Only About
Children
More Than Kindergarten

Where little minds get ready for big things

Kindergarten is an exciting time for rapidly growing minds! Your child will form a love of learning and develop the skills needed to thrive in the next big phase in their lives - school!

Our unique approach to school readiness goes beyond education to encompass the health, social development, creative expression and total wellbeing of every child in our care.



The power of play

Evidence-based research shows that kindergarteners learn best through play, so this is woven into every experience they participate in, both structured and unstructured from the start of the day until the time they go home. With play-based learning, every moment is considered an opportunity to learn - and is fun at the same time.



Small groups, big learning

Intentional teaching in small groups enhances your child's learning experience. Our Educators use active strategies such as demonstrating, open questioning, shared thinking and problem solving to promote creativity and critical thinking.



Setting the stage for success at school and in life

By supporting your child's development and learning, they will have the opportunity to shine and become school ready. Our Kindergarten offers an environment where your child will feel safe, stimulated and happy. **Big things await!**



“Only About Children Kindergarten provided our child the learning and social skills to prepare them for school. School readiness with extended hours also supported our busy working family”

Louise & Wes, Parents - South Melbourne Kindergarten Campus

Ready, set, school!

Is it time to start thinking about your child's school readiness already? Starting school is a huge milestone - we support families every step of the way.

School readiness is much more than reading, writing or counting at Only About Children. Your child's social, emotional and physical wellbeing is paramount, and guides our Kindergarten Curriculum, so they're developing independence, building friendships and confidence through these formative years. Our qualified Educators, along with our education, allied health and wellbeing specialists work together to ensure your child is meeting all the key milestones.



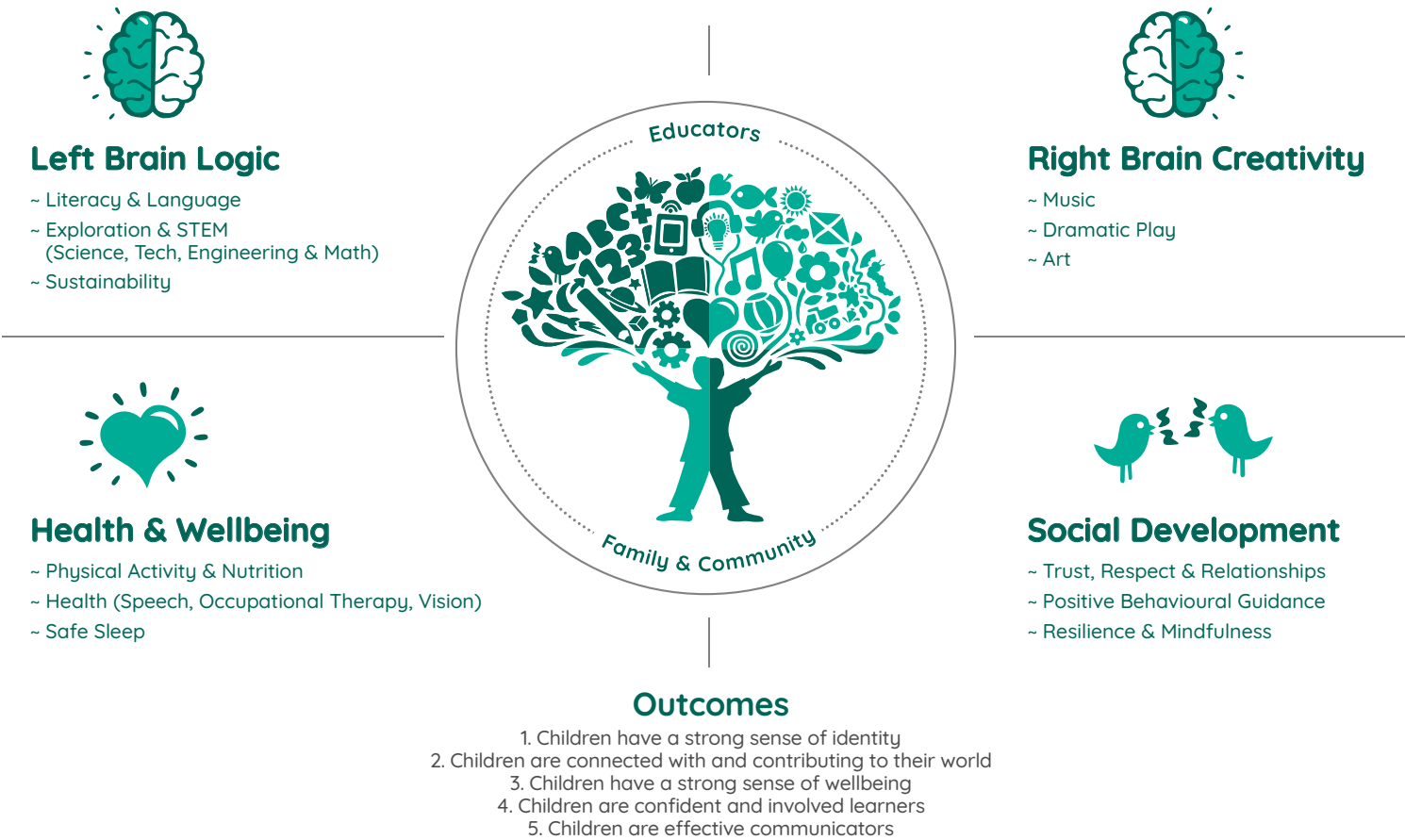
Our Kindergarten Curriculum provides a unique approach that ensures children are learning from both the left and right side of their brain.

Learning from the left side encourages logic: literacy and language; exploration & STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), plus sustainability.

Learning from the right side nurtures creativity: music, dramatic play and art.

The curriculum also encompasses your child's health & wellbeing, plus their social development.

Grow Kindergarten Curriculum:



Educators, Families & Community working together

We see family as the first, most influential teacher in a child's life and we understand the importance of strong partnerships with families and the community. Through active, two-way communication with families it means we can understand and meet every child and family's unique needs more fully.



How does our Kindergarten give your child more?

At Only About Children, your child learns through play-based learning that is designed to promote creativity and critical thinking. They're encouraged to learn through exploration and experimentation, while also being introduced to the more formal learning approach they will experience in school.

Our all-inclusive of fee offering is designed to give your child the best possible preparation for life. We think it's the full package.



An individual development plan for every child

We see every child as an individual who deserves their own ongoing learning and development plan to ensure they reach their full potential and are school ready! We set individual learning goals and provide 6 monthly check-ins on your child's development with families.

School Readiness Assessment

Our Health & Development Team of Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Dietitians are on hand to support our Educators and families with advice. This is to ensure your child is socially and developmentally ready to start school and to help you in making any decisions for their development.

A dedicated 2 year Program

Our 2 year School Readiness Program provides your child with the platform they need to thrive! Led by university degree-qualified Early Childhood Teachers, this Program sets the foundations for successful learning.

In the 6 months prior to your child starting school, we help to ensure they are ready for their new adventure with a number of fun activities. These include inviting teacher and Principal guest speakers from local primary schools and helping your child learn to pack and eat from a school lunch box.

Even more ways we give your child more

Your child will enjoy a Dietitian-designed seasonal menu, with meals prepared freshly every day by our in-house campus cooks - breakfast on arrival, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and pre-dinner snack.

Stay close and connected with daily photo and diary updates via the Family Communication app.

Essentials like hand sanitiser, sunscreen and bedding are provided to keep your child safe, sound and protected. We also organise wonderful excursions and incursions throughout the year.

More than a 9am-3pm Program – benefits of school readiness with extended hours

Your child will enjoy the continuity of care they enjoyed as a toddler, while the full benefits of a structured 9am-3pm Program within extended hours provides opportunities for social development and learning outcomes throughout the day.

The flexibility of longer hours also helps to meet the needs of busy families.

A typical day for your Kindergarten child...



7am* to 9am

Your child will start the day with a nutritious breakfast or morning tea (depending on arrival time) to ensure optimum concentration and energy for a fun day of learning. They will have an opportunity to participate in planned play-based learning through physical activities and games, as well as self-led exploration in our playscapes.



9am to 3pm

To help prepare your child for school hours, we offer a mix of structured and unstructured play-based small group learning in a predictable, calm, settled and safe environment. Learning activities are short, relevant and fun. In fact, every moment is a learning moment... from helping to select breakfast or serving lunch, to learning to share with others. Your child will enjoy a nutritious lunch and afternoon tea in a small group dining setting, and be provided with an opportunity to sleep or have quiet time should they need it.



3pm to 6pm*

The afternoon is time for your child to explore, create and lead their own play. They can enjoy the sandpits, build tall structures out of blocks, paint a masterpiece or enjoy reading and dramatic play. It's a great opportunity for siblings to spend time together or build on their emotional and social skills. This includes forming friendships, building resilience, learning how to self-regulate emotions and learning to take turns – all of which are so important in preparing for school.

*Opening and closing times are different for each campus. Please check with your campus for hours.





**“My child has graduated from
Only About Children confident,
inquisitive, happy and ready to
take on the world - I couldn’t
be more pleased”**

Vivien, Parent - Brighton East Kindergarten Campus

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