



Learning & Growing at Aspire





Acknowledgement of Country

Aspire Early Education & Kindergarten acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to their Elders and Traditional Custodians past, present and emerging. We also pay our respect to the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



More than just childcare.

At Aspire Early Education & Kindergarten, we understand that your goal as a parent is to enhance your child's full potential by providing them with the best possible start in life. We believe children respond, learn, and grow better in positive community environments. Whether this relates to our families, children, educators, or the local community, all of these parts are important to work together to provide a safe place of learning where children are nurtured to reach their full potential.





Why Aspire?

At Aspire Early Education & Kindergarten, we strive to provide high quality education and care, delivered by professional, passionate educators. Each child's journey is unique, and we tailor every early childhood journey to each child's individual, family, and community needs.



Aspire to Connect

Aspire centres prioritise family and community involvement, organising tailored events to foster connections. These celebrations feature engaging activities that connect children, families, and educators with the local community. Partnerships with libraries, schools, and local businesses offer opportunities for enriching excursions and events, allowing children to explore their surroundings and develop a sense of global citizenship.



Aspire to Learn

Our curriculum emphasises a comprehensive educational approach for the crucial first five years of a child's life. Empowering children with tools and activities, it encourages them to take the lead in their learning and reach developmental milestones. We prioritise individualised learning, allowing each child to progress at their own pace and fulfill their potential. Family involvement is integral, contributing diverse perspectives and knowledge to enhance our practices and support each child's development.



Aspire to Grow

Children's learning outcomes are more successful when they are engaged in what they are learning. Our educators plan teaching opportunities that follow the children's lead – programs are designed around their interests, needs and strengths. A child's learning journey is a shared celebration, and we encourage you to grow alongside us as we travel on this journey. Every child deserves a great education, and this all starts with staff who are dedicated to your child's learning and development. We work in close collaboration with families and caregivers and welcome all feedback. This ensures that any additional requests are accommodated for each child.

Baby Steps

Nursery Program 6 weeks - 18 months.

Our Baby Steps Nursery Program provides children with daily activities and intentional teaching opportunities to support your child to reach developmental milestones.

Each child is unique and learns at a different rate, so we allow children to explore at their own pace. Our play-based learning approach allows children to learn through sensory play while stimulating their senses of touch, smell, taste, hearing, and sight.

Our Nursery Hubs are specifically designed to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for your baby to commence their learning journey and support emotional and social development in this phase of life.

Aspire's Baby Steps curriculum incorporates a variety of different incursions to engage your child in different learning experiences. From drama, music, yoga, dance, movement, art and so much more, your child will benefit from the unique offerings at each centre. Each Aspire centre runs different incursion programs, so make sure you check what exciting offerings are available at your Aspire service.



What Learning Looks Like



Daily Routine

Eat, sleep, play, repeat! Routine provides structure to your child's day. A familiar routine helps them settle in and gain confidence to explore their environment.

Start Learning Journey

Activities focus on motor and social skills to encourage learning and support your child as they respond to changes in their environment.

Discover Interests

As your child develops they begin to establish their emotional needs and demonstrate intentional behaviour, which helps them to discover their interests.



Excursions

We believe that it is important for children to connect with their local community. As part of the Baby Steps program, children are given the opportunity to explore the local environment. Children have the opportunity to observe and explore different surroundings which help develop confidence and feel a sense of belonging within their community.



Incursions

As part of the Baby Steps program, we offer regular incursions. Music incursions give children the opportunity to explore their senses, engaging them in a variety of ways. On the other hand, more physically active incursions like sports and yoga are particularly beneficial for developing children's motor skills.



Sensory Play Experiences

In the beginning, babies explore life through their first set of tools, their senses. A child's eyes, ears, nose, hands, and mouths enable them to discover the world around them and spark curiosity for learning. Our spaces enhance and challenge various levels of physical development, from tummy time to crawling and walking. We provide rich and aesthetic learning environments to empower your child's sense of curiosity and wonder.



Little Learners

Toddler Program 18 months - 3 years.
Before you know it, your baby is a decision-making toddler with a big personality who loves to run, take risks, and challenge themselves!

Toddlerhood is an incredible time of exploration and discovery and a time when children gain an increasing sense of self. Throughout the Little Learners program, we continue to work collaboratively with you to set learning goals and objectives specific to your child's learning journey. These goals form the base of our program, which includes daily activities that follow your child's interests and support the achievement of key milestones.

Our Toddler Hubs are thoughtfully designed to create an engaging environment that supports your toddler's social and cognitive development.

The play-based learning approach engages young, active minds in a safe and stimulating environment. The Little Learners curriculum supports a wide range of developmental milestones.

What Learning Looks Like



Explore Abilities

Your child is encouraged to explore indoor and outdoor environments through play to further discover their interests, abilities, and limitations.



Solve Everyday Problems

Educators present everyday problems for children to solve, by asking questions like, 'if it is raining, what do we need to pack to go outside?'.



Develop Vocabulary

Involving vocabulary concepts in activities encourages learning through play. An obstacle course improves your toddler's understanding of concepts such as 'under' and 'over'.



Unlock Imagination

Children are encouraged to express their individuality and unlock their imagination through creativity in a variety of forms, including art, music, dance, and more.

Incursion & Excursion Programs

The Toddler Programs at Aspire connect with diverse incursions and excursions to involve your child in various learning experiences.

Covering art, yoga, dance, movement, library visits, drama, music, and more, each centre provides distinctive opportunities. Through regular participation in incursions, using their imaginations and role-play activities, children experience improved memory, language and social skills. Check with your Aspire centre to discover the exciting incursion and excursion programs available for your child.



Pre-Kindy



The Pre-Kindy program continues to build on the foundation of learning and development educators have fostered in your child's early years.

Our programs are designed by a collaborative team of kindergarten and local primary school teachers. This approach ensures children develop the much-needed social and emotional skills to transition into 4-year-old Kindy and their first year of primary school.

Our Pre-Kindy program provides opportunities to learn through play in a safe and supportive environment. Structured and unstructured learning experiences support children to discover their interests, abilities, and limitations.



Evidence Based Learning



Aspire Curriculum

Our teaching team assesses children's learning for many reasons, specifically to create a holistic understanding of each child's knowledge, understanding, acquired and emerging skills, attitudes and dispositions, next stage of learning, and continuity of learning. The Early Learning STEM Australia (ELSA) program inspires curiosity and engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Play-Based Learning

Play-based learning provides a variety of activities and experiences which support social, cognitive, and physical development. Play-based learning allows children to interact with people and different objects within different environments.



Stimulating Environment

Our indoor rooms have been purpose-designed for specific age groups and are stimulating, safe and secure. The outdoor environments offer a variety of play spaces where children can develop their cognitive function and social skills through interaction and play with their peers.



Additional Learning Time

The Aspire Kindergarten program operates five days a week, even during school holidays. This provides children with additional time with a Kindergarten Teacher to support their development.



Building School Readiness

Two Years is Better Than One

Research shows that two years of Kindergarten is more beneficial than one, with children who attend being less likely to be developmentally vulnerable at school.

Find a Sense of Belonging

Socialising with peers promotes a sense of belonging away from primary caretakers, this healthy separation will help your child settle more quickly in new environments.

Build Focus & Concentration

Focusing on an activity of interest to complete a task provides your child with a sense of satisfaction and increases their concentration stamina.

Become More Independent

Establishing independence is an important stage of development. Your child's pathway to independence is supported by confidence-building life-skill activities.

A Typical Day

Language Skills

Learning different languages helps a children's sense of appreciation for diversity and other cultures. Aspire's play-based learning program Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) focuses on learning different words, names and object in other languages.

Excursions

At Aspire we believe it's important for children to connect with their local community. That's why we take our children on excursions to explore their local environment, connect with nature and learn about the local community.

Incursions

We offer a range of incursions and partner programs across our centres. These inspire a love of learning, while promoting social skills, language and cognitive development and physical and fine and gross motor skills.

School Readiness Programs

Our school readiness program encourages independence and the ability to solve problems on your own. Children learn key skills such as creative thinking, social and emotional skills, and early literacy skills, which helps them prepare for their transition to school.

Communication Opportunities

Term One

Kindergarten
Information
Evening

Term Two

Parent
Teacher
Meeting

Term Three

Kindergarten
Information
Evening

Term Four

Parent
Teacher
Meeting





Path to School Readiness



A Strong Head Start

Research suggests that experiences during the transition to school can have long-term impacts on children’s resilience and self-image. A successful start to school is linked to future positive school outcomes, both academically and socially.



Transitioning to School

Starting school is the biggest transition in a young child’s life thus far. At Aspire, we work closely with families and primary school teachers at local schools to ensure children are set up for the best possible start.



Understanding Individuality

Our programs are tailored to meet children’s individual, family, and community needs. Throughout each child’s learning journey, we work closely with families to set learning goals specific to their needs and learning experiences.



Kindy

Aspire's 4 year-old Kindy program is designed to continue to support the development of your child's social and emotional intelligence in a safe and secure environment.

Aspire programs are designed to be inclusive of all stages of development and work closely with families to ensure children meet their full potential. School readiness is not just about knowing the alphabet or being able to write their name, children also need to have the fine motor skills, the confidence to ask for help, and the problem-solving skills to find their belongings if they can't find them.

The social and emotional skills your child will learn throughout their year build on the foundation they have formed through their Aspire journey for a successful transition to primary school and beyond. We work collaboratively with families and local primary school teachers to ensure each child is ready for the transition into pre-primary.

Preparing For School & Beyond



School Readiness



**Social & Emotional
Development**



Literacy Skills



Lifelong Love of Learning



**Becoming an
Independent Learner**



Communication Skills

Extra-Curricular Programs

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School Readiness Programs

Kindergarten is crucial for the children's successful transition into school. Our school readiness program involves activities that builds on the children's problem-solving skills, helps them form strong relationships and better understand their emotions. These skills will ensure each child is ready for the transition into prep.



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Connecting to Our Land



Connection & Embedded Practice

At Aspire, we recognise that an understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures develop an enriched appreciation of Australia's cultural heritage. We believe supporting children's understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and challenging biases can have a substantial impact on children's future attitudes towards cultural diversity. We understand that educators have the potential to make a significant and positive difference in National Reconciliation. Our curriculum has been developed to ensure that the focus on the cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is part of our everyday practices and children's learning experiences.



Educational Experiences

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea, and community. At Aspire we offer different incursions and workshops that educate the children about the Traditional Custodians of the land. We also incorporate a range of centre experiences such as First Nations art and drawing, educational videos, stories of The Dreamings and more. These experiences help the children learn about and appreciate the rich culture and history of Australia's First Nations people.





Out There in the World

Community engagement and integration are crucial for children to explore their local and wider community to understand what it means to be a global citizen. Out There in the World supports children to become valued members of their community.



Incursions & Excursions

We run a variety of incursions that support children’s learning and development through each stage of their education. We are proud of our connection to the local community and run regular excursions where children can learn outside the classroom to experience a broader range of experiences and life skills.



Community Events & Celebrations

The community is at the heart of all we do and we are proud to host exciting events for our local communities. We acknowledge and celebrate a variety of cultural and community events and invite families and members of the community to the centre to participate in these exciting celebrations.



Connection to Local Community

Aspire has built strong connections with local communities and schools. We have a strong connection with local libraries, and our continued collaboration deepens the children’s connection to their local community and extends their knowledge by learning about the benefits of reading. We welcome local principals and primary teachers to attend our Kindy Information Nights each term to support families and children for a smooth school transition.



Learning Outcomes

Incursions & Excursions

- Offers a ‘hands-on’ learning experience.
- Instils an appreciation of different cultures children would have never experienced and encourage an appreciation of diversity.
- Experience different teaching or learning styles beyond their classroom teacher.
- Supports the development of social skills and helps build confidence and self-esteem.

Community Events & Celebrations

- Incorporating different events and celebrations into the learning program brings people together, creates a feeling of belonging, and develops a sense of community amongst children, families, and educators.
- Provides an opportunity for children to develop respect for diverse values and beliefs as they learn about practices different from their own.

Connection to Local Community

- Generates a sense of belonging where children feel a part of their community.
- Create opportunities for children to learn how to influence, identify and integrate with their local community.
- Shows children how the world works and the shared values of society.
- Helps children to form their identity.

Community Services

- Regular visits and resources provided by community services including healthcare, dental, nutrition and more.
- These services provide support to children and families in their preparation for the transition to school.



Joining the
Aspire Community

Enrolment Process

1

Make an Enquiry & Book a Tour

To start your journey with Aspire you can make an initial enquiry to learn more about your preferred centre by completing an [enquiry form](#) or by calling [1800 978 429](#).

The next step is to book a visit to explore the centre and meet the team. You can schedule a visit over the phone or easily [book a tour](#). If you don't see your preferred tour time available, [contact our Support Team](#).

We will do our best to accommodate. If you have any questions about the centre or our programs in the lead up to your tour, please don't hesitate to [contact our Support Team](#).

2

Attend Your Tour

When you visit the centre for your tour, you will be greeted by a member of the management team who will show you around the centre and facilities. You will be guided through the service exploring the indoor and outdoor rooms and be provided with information about the Aspire team, our programs and curriculum. We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have relating to the centre, programs, or enrolment process.

3

Complete Online Enrolment

Once you are ready to secure your place at the centre, you will receive an email to complete the online enrolment where you will confirm your care requirements. If you have any questions or require assistance throughout this process, [reach out to our Support Team](#).

4

Book & Complete Orientations

When your online enrolment has been completed, you will be contacted to book your orientation sessions at the centre. Stay & Play Orientations help children and families familiarise themselves with the centre to ensure a smooth transition to care.

5

Attend First Day

Before your child's first day, download our Aspire checklists to make sure your family and child are ready for their new learning journey at Aspire!

Download
Resources Here







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