Mission Australia Kindergarten
Frequently Asked Questions

Mission Australia is delighted to have recently won the tender to manage three new Kindergartens in Queensland; Mango Hill, Fernvale and Collingwood Park.

Below are answers to some Frequently Asked Questions. If you still have something that you would like to ask us about, send us an email at els_enquiries@missionaustralia.com.au and we’ll get right back to you.

**What are the session days and times?**
Sessions will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm on a two-week schedule. Two days on week one, and three days on week two.

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**Will food be provided?**
No. The centre does not provide food for the children, we ask parents to please provide a healthy packed lunch. We’ll be providing you with some healthy lunchbox ideas and tips in your enrolment pack.

**Does the centre also provide Long Day Care?**
No. The centre does not provide long day care.

**Does the centre provide out of school hours care?**
We are currently working with the local schools to trying to determine whether this is possible, this will be confirmed in due course.

**What does Mission Australia’s educational program consist of?**
The planning of our programs for the education and care of children attending Mission Australia Early Learning Services is based on the principles and practices of the National Early Years Learning Framework.

These are centred on the values of:

- secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- partnerships
- high expectations and equity
- respect for diversity and ongoing learning and reflective practices.
Educators in our services work together with families to construct curriculum by engaging families in planning and assessment, transitions and ongoing two-way sharing of information. Our programs value working in partnership with families and this reflects the critical importance of children’s belonging, their attachment within the family and acknowledging the diversity of family life.

Educators engage in quality interactions with children that are meaningful and extend children’s interests and learning. Through play based, open ended experiences; children are empowered to enjoy the best possible start in education and achieve positive outcomes. We have developed a curriculum that focuses on the importance of children learning in a natural environment and giving them a great start to their learning that sets them up for life.

**What are the fees?**

The fees are $680 per term.

**If I enrol more than one child to the Kindergarten (triplets etc.), is there a discount?**

Yes. There is a subsidy for triplets and quadruplets provided by the State Government. For more info visit [http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/](http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/)

**I have a healthcare card, do I get a discount?**

Yes. This service is free for parents who have a current health care card. Proof will be required on enrolment and a copy kept at the centre.

**Can I use Child Care Benefit or Child Care Rebate to discount my fees?**

No. The government’s benefits do not extend to this service.

**When will the new centres be operational?**

We anticipate that the building of the centres will be complete in late January 2014, and the centres will open in February 2014.

**I would like to enrol my child for 2015, is this possible?**

Enrolment for 2015 is not yet open. If you would like to add your name to a waiting list please email els_enquiries@missionaustralia.com.au ensuring you indicate that you wish to be added to the waiting list for 2015.