



Our service is a recognised Universal Access provider and can support your child's education and learning through our high quality program led by a degree qualified Early Childhood Teacher who uses the National Early Years Learning Framework.

Universal Access is a program administered by the Department for Education to provide quality early childhood education to all children in the year before they begin school.

A Universal Access kindergarten provides flexible session options to cater for families' needs and adheres to the same requirements as a stand-alone Department for Education kindergarten.



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Department for Education

Universal Access is a program administered by the Department for Education with funding provided through the National Partnership on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education. The program aims to provide quality early childhood education to all children in the year before they begin school.

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**Universal Access Kindergarten Program:**  
Family brochure



**Session details:**

Children are eligible for 5 sessions per week under the Universal Access Program.

**Kindergarten Sessions**

Monday - Thursday  
Session 1: 9am -12pm  
Session 2: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Please contact us for further information regarding fees, enrolment and session times.



Join us on Facebook at 'Gowriesa' to keep updated with news and events.

Did you know that your child is eligible for fifteen hours per week of kindergarten in the year prior to starting school?





## Benefits of enrolling in our Universal Access Program for your child's kindergarten year:

- We offer flexible sessions throughout the week combining kindergarten with long day care to meet the care needs of your family
- We adhere to the same curriculum requirements and quality standards as a stand-alone Department for Education kindergarten, including the provision of a qualified Early Childhood Teacher to plan and deliver each kindergarten session.
- Staying here for kindergarten reduces the number of transitions prior to school, supporting the continuity of both learning and wellbeing for your child.

- Your child will be extending their learning in a familiar environment where they have established relationships with staff and peers.
- You and your child can continue your routine of attending long day care with siblings, reducing the need for additional pickups and drop-offs
- Summative reports will be provided at the end of the kindergarten year to support your child's transition to school

## Learning in our Universal Access Program:

Our philosophy is one of inclusion and planning for the individual child.

Each term there is an overarching planned program, based on the interests, dispositions and long term projects of the children enrolled in the kindergarten program, including input from other children.

## Our program offers:

The Melaleuca kindergarten program offers:

- an established transition program with local primary schools including visits
- regular excursions within the local community
- project work and inquiry based learning opportunities for individual children
- extension experiences such as an early literacy and phonemic awareness program
- Department for Education preschool screening assessments.

