



Looking for a kinder for your child?

We invite parents with children at or approaching kindergarten age to come and experience our kinder for themselves. Pop in and visit us or contact us for more information. Enrolment application forms may be found on our website or from our kindergarten.

About Warrandyte Kindergarten

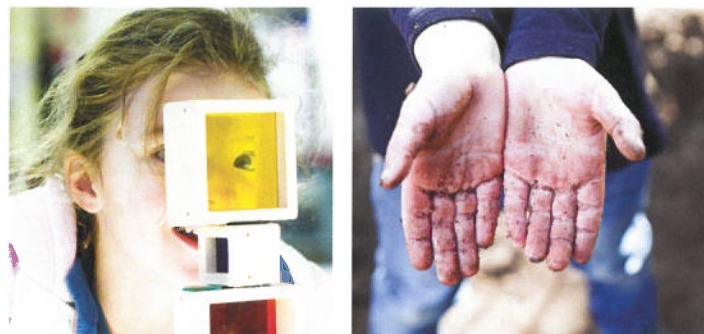
Warrandyte Kindergarten, situated in the heart of Warrandyte, is a friendly, community-based kindergarten that is committed to providing a warm, caring and positive experience for everyone involved in our service. We are proud of our lovely natural setting and our wonderful facilities which are well resourced, creating a great place to support and extend children's development and learning.

We have been offering a high quality educational program for families in Warrandyte and surrounding suburbs for over 70 years.

We have a very close networking relationship with local schools and kindergartens, which in turn fosters a longer term student wellbeing and engagement in their own local community. "It takes a village to raise a child."

Our passionate and experienced educators, in partnership with our enthusiastic and supportive parents make our kindergarten a very special place. Our children are happy, confident, and eager learners ready to embrace the challenges of school life.

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Warrandyte Kindergarten are proud members of the **Kitchen Garden Classroom** program. The aim of this program is to pleausrably engage and educate young children in the **growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing** of delicious and healthy food. Our kindergarten children love spending time in our beautiful kitchen garden.



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Our Philosophy

The National Quality Framework, and the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF) are embedded within our program which is active play based, with a combination of child-initiated and adult-facilitated relationships, experiences and interactions.

We believe that all children are competent and capable learners. All children learn at different rates, in different ways (Howard Gardner's 'Multiple Intelligences'), and at different times. Each child can, at their own pace, develop independence, self-identity, and an ability to safely question the world around them.

This is possible in our exciting play environment, which is influenced by the Reggio Emilia approach whereby the physical environment acts as a 'third teacher'. The environment encourages the child to



engage in exploration, questioning, discovery, creativity and problem solving in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

The physical setting and the learning environment at our Kindergarten are secure and stable, yet flexible enough to ensure that each child is able to build on the strengths, interests and abilities that will enable them to achieve their full potential.

We acknowledge that the health and wellbeing of each child is paramount. We strive to foster self-worth in each child, and for them to become a positive, effective member of the Kinder, and wider community.

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Kitchen Garden Classroom Program

Warrandyte Kindergarten became one of the first kindergartens in the state to join the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Classroom program.

The aim of the Kitchen Garden Classroom program is to pleasurably engage and educate young children in the growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing of delicious and healthy food.

Fundraising and funding support enabled the construction and creation of a beautiful purpose-built Kitchen Garden space to facilitate this program.

Each week, as part of their Kindergarten curriculum, the children from both the three and four year old Kindergarten groups spend time in our extensive fruit and vegetable garden that they actively help to plant and maintain.



In their Kitchen Garden, the Kindergarten children learn about the seasons, about plant varieties, about seed saving, about water management and about composting and sustainability. They spend time preparing and sharing a variety of foods and dishes created from their produce.

Involving our Kindergarten children in pleasurable food education in our lovely Kitchen Garden will help them to develop life-long joyful and healthy eating habits.

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Our Outdoor facilities

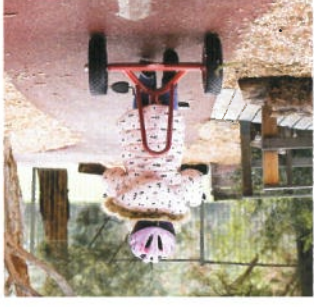
Dry Creek Bed and Water Pump: Our dry creek bed is a fascinating play area for our Kindergarten children. The hand pump allows children to pump water directly from a rain tank and they delight in watching the water trickling down the rocks.

Bike Track: Our bike track encircles our adventure playground area and enables children to develop their bike-riding skills as well as their ability to act safely and be aware of the other children around them.

Cubby: Our open-style cubby house complete with pergola and deck area, verandah and storage benches, was designed to the specific supervisory and safety requirements of our Teachers.

Mud Kitchen and Digging Patch: Our mud kitchen and digging patch provide a fantastic muddy precinct for loads of fun, exploration and role-playing.

Kitchen Garden (left)



Our other facilities include our extensive adventure playground, large shaded sandpit and fairy garden.



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