

# Our School Readiness Program



Ask Durrrah (our preschool teacher) or Jake (the director) if you'd like any more info 😊

## How'd we come up with our program?

As experienced and university trained teachers, we've taken everything we know about...

- The Early Years Learning Framework...
- The Primary School Curriculum...
- Our Centre Philosophy...
- Feedback from families and children...
- Feedback from local schools...

and we've created a school readiness program specifically for our children.



## What does the program look like?

It's exactly the same format as our educational program. Our educators still plan interest focussed experiences to achieve specific goals. It's just the goals this time around will be school readiness orientated. Our pre-schoolers also have a specific "school" time, just after lunch at 1pm.

## But what even is "School Readiness?"

It's making sure our children are equipped with the skills, understanding, resilience and social and emotional values to be able to flourish in a school-based environment.

Social and Emotional readiness is one of the most important things we're aware of when thinking about "school readiness". School often presents children with new exciting challenges, and a big part of our program is equipping our children with the tools, the independence, the confidence and the drive to overcome them.

The best we can hope to instil in our children is a love and a thirst for learning, which is why we are so passionate about our interest driven, play based learning philosophy.



# More Info

Have a look at our “transition to school” policy either in our foyer or online through storypark

Organise to have a chat with Jake (our educational leader) or Durrah (our preschool teacher). Let us know when's good for you, or call or email us:

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## What are some important skills my child will learn?

Just a few of these are...

- Shapes and colour recognition
- Alphabet and number awareness
- Pre-writing development
- Self-satisfaction when successful
- Concentration
- Name writing and recognition
- Determination and resilience
- Taking and accepting responsibility
- Positive food and body choices



## How will you teach all this?

Through exciting and innovative learning experiences, derived from the children's interests. Our educators engage in play based learning with the children, and facilitate development through strategic questioning, conversation and engagement.

## What's so different about school?

There're a few unique differences in the school environment which children should become familiar with as they prepare for the transition to school. Some things like...

- Having one teacher the whole day
- Toileting without supervision
- Wearing uniforms
- Transport
- Sitting at a desk
- Navigating a large playground
- Resolving challenges independently
- Seeking out a teacher's help
- Homework

## How do you prepare for that at NELC?

We have specific events, experiences and strategies to help prepare our children.

Things like...

- Lunchbox week, where we prepare the children's lunch box and the children learn to ration out their food for the day
- Canteen week. We set up a 'canteen' where the children can 'buy' their lunch
- Uniform week
- Excursions to schools.
- Boy/Girl toilet week
- Lots and lots of conversations

