



Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

Why Sessional Kindergarten?

We follow a sessional program here at Bentleigh West as we feel that this format is entirely focused on what is best for the child, preparing them for life beyond Kindergarten.



Sessional Kindergarten refers to starting and finishing a Kindergarten session at a set time for all children.

Within the sessions all children follow the same structure, and experience the same high quality education program at the same time, providing both consistency and predictability.

Attending three days a week supports the transition to a school week of 5 days and allows maximum learning opportunities focused at the start of the session, as a primary school program does.

Your child will benefit from a predictable routine and form friendships that remain consistent for the year. This will help support a sense of security, build resilience and in turn encourage them to focus on their learning, development and confidence.

"Bentleigh West Kindergarten is one of the main feeder kindergartens to our school Bentleigh West Primary School. The children entering the school from BWK are extremely well prepared for school emotionally, socially and academically. The strong connection between the school and kindergarten assists them in the transition and prepares them for the start of their school journey"

Sarah Asome – Assistant Principal, Bentleigh West Primary School

Our qualified teachers have been trained to recognise stages of child development and provide activities appropriate to extending your child's skills. Close observation of each child allows our staff to identify interests and strengths which can then be incorporated into the curriculum. This is done in a caring, understanding and respectful manner.

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We believe our program provides the right balance between child-led, child-initiated and educator supported learning.

Our dynamic team of teachers and educators are supported by an engaged and passionate parent-run Committee of Management.

Other advantages of Bentleigh West Kindergarten are:

- Feeder Kindergarten for Bentleigh West Primary School (one of the top performing schools in the country, as decided by the ACARA) which means they stay with the majority of their kinder friends as the move on to primary school. We work closely with BWPS during the 4year old Kinder year by attending different events and assisting with orientations to help ease the children into their Prep year.
- Joining a community of like-minded, supportive families that often extends beyond the walls of the kindergarten.
- Small Group sizes of no more than 22 per class
- Our Bush Kinder program was developed in response to research that shows outdoor activities in a natural environment are extremely beneficial to children's health, wellbeing and development.
- Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and expansive newly renovated outdoor area. With a stimulating sensory garden, working water pump and dry river bed, undercover sand play area and mud pit.
- Our program includes many incursions and excursions. This may vary but has included visits to the NGV, Royal Botanic Gardens, beaches, local parks, post office and Myuna Farm. We also provide specialist incursion programs throughout term such as Playball, Mindfulness, Drama Time and Wild Action Visits.

Bentleigh West Kindergarten is a purpose built, not-for-profit, community based kindergarten with a safe, open and caring environment.

Located alongside leafy green Victory Park in Patterson Road it has been educating the children of Bentleigh for over 35+ years.

We are passionate about the benefits of sessional kinder and would love to answer any further questions you have. Please contact us on 99557 8365 to discuss or to orgainse a tour.



BWK respectfully acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the land. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to the Elders Past, Present and Future.



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