

Child Care Benefit

All families who are Australian residents enjoy reduced fees as a result of the Child Care Benefit (upon meeting eligibility requirements). Parents who do not claim CCB as a fee reduction are eligible to claim it as a lump sum payment at the end of the financial year. However, to claim in this way your children must be "linked" to our service. Our Centre Director will be able to assist you with general enquiries, however, any specific queries in relation to eligibility should be directed to Family Assist Office on 136 150 between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday or online at www.familyassist.gov.au

Child Care Tax Rebate

In addition to the Child Care Benefit, families who meet the work/study/training test are able to claim up to 50% of their 'out-of-pocket expenses' under the Child Care Tax Rebate. The Federal Government have set the maximum claim amount at \$7,500. The Child Care Tax Rebate is paid quarterly for those families who receive CCB as fee reduction and/or who nominate this with the Family Assistance Office.

Our Commitment to You

While the government provides extra incentives for families using part time care, we will continue to provide a discounted rate for all five day weekly bookings. We do this to help ease the financial burden for those families whose work and other commitments dictate full time weekly care for their children provided that those accounts are kept up to date. We also offer families taking annual leave a holiday discount, provided two weeks notice in writing is given of intended dates of absence. Holidays are offered at a discount of up to 50% of the "gap" fees for up to 2 weeks of normal booked days each financial year. This discount will only be applied to parent accounts that are up to date and where appropriate notice (in writing) has been given.

Boutique Bubs Early Education & Kindergarten
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Opening Hours: 6:30am – 6:30pm (week days)

Kindergarten Hours: 9am – 5:30pm Mon to Fri
52 weeks of the year (closed all public holidays)

For all enquiries please phone our Centre Director to arrange a tour of the Centre



KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

A Nurturing & Creative World

BOUTIQUE BUBS

We are a private, family owned and managed service. We offer care from birth to 6yrs of age including a Government funded Kindergarten program that is run by a qualified Kindergarten Teacher. All special dietary requirements and allergies are catered for at our Centre. At Boutique Bubs we believe that our staff are our most valuable asset. When our staff are happy, the children are happy. The experienced and qualified staff within our Centre provide the foundation of quality educational care for your children. We encourage and support our staff to continue their personal and professional development either through formal study or through on-the-job training.

OUR EMERGENT CURRICULUM

At Boutique Bubs we aim to create an emergent style of curriculum which is a non traditional style of teaching that presents children with the gift of discovering the world around them by encouraging them to explore life through their own interests and passions. It is "child lead" or "child based" learning not "teacher directed" learning. To implement an Emergent curriculum successfully within a classroom requires creativity, flexibility, observation, documentation, and patience. Our Teacher therefore plans thoroughly, but implements plans flexibly.

Our first and most important goal with our Emergent curriculum is to inspire delight, curiosity and inquiry in the classroom. Doing so has been proven to build intrinsic motivation (coming from within the child) and a long-term love of learning. These are the greatest gifts Teachers can give a child in preparation for their primary school experience. Therefore, our Emergent curriculum requires our Teacher to understand how and what children can learn at all ages, to support and guide learning as it emerges naturally inside the classroom, in the natural world, and in our community as a whole.

By documenting each child's actions and behaviours this assists us in understanding the process of their learning and provides you, the parent, with concrete representations of your child's growth and development. Some of the most effective ways we conduct observations and document growth are:

- **Teacher's notes (learning stories)** - through this method our kindergarten Teacher will record children's development for extended periods of time. The Teacher will then use this information to find new activities and materials that will lead the child to sustain deeper interests and construct new understandings of the world around them.
- **Photographs** - pictures can provide children with wonderful memories, the Teacher will have visual aids when planning future activities, and provide parents with opportunities to view their children at play.
- **Children's Artwork** - this becomes a visual timeline showing where children's abilities were and where they are now.

Documentation and observations of children's interests and experiences is the basis, and ongoing process, of our emergent curriculum.

KINDERGARTENS IN VICTORIA

The Victorian kindergarten program is a one to two year pre-school program for children before they enter primary school. Kindergarten is not compulsory in Victoria but it does help children to develop social, cognitive and physical skills in preparation for school. The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development funds services to provide kindergarten programs in a range of settings including community kindergartens, children's centres and long day care centres (such as Boutique Bubs).

Community & Sessional Kindergarten

Community and Sessional kindergarten services are often managed by local councils, not-for-profit groups or volunteer parent committees. They usually offer a minimum of 10 hours of a kindergarten program in short sessions over a few days each week. There are four terms of a kindergarten program each year which are usually 10 weeks long. Kindergarten terms run at the same time as school terms with school/kindergarten holidays amounting to 12 weeks off.

Integrated Kindergarten in Long Day Care

Many child care services offer State Government funded four-year old kindergarten programs either in short sessions or as part of an integrated long day care program.

Boutique Bubs offer a Kindergarten Program for the entire 52 weeks of the year. Our Kinder Teacher holds a Bachelor Degree in teaching and provides a sound curriculum that implements the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework. Our Kindergarten hours run from 9am to 5:30pm daily Monday to Friday, therefore significantly exceeding the required 10 hours that Community and Sessional Kindergartens offer.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AT BOUTIQUE BUBS

Through the course of the year additional programs are offered in-house at our Kindergarten including Pottery Classes, Sportz Buzz Program (introduction to group activity sports such as netball, basketball, tennis, cricket, etc) and internal IT Computer Classes. This is at no additional cost as we implement this to support our curriculum. A list of special events is also scheduled for the year including specialised activities such as Wild Action Zoo, Farm Visit, Egg Hatching Program, Dental Education, Water Safety Class and much more.